

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 18 August 2005 – 08:00 19 August 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	9-year-old boy by UXO in Yatta
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	Incl. 1 female civilian assaulted
Injury	—	1	1	1 civilian critically in Northern Gaza
Attacks	6	1	7	Incl. 2 during raids & 3 by settlers
Raids	17	1	18	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 4 in Tulkarem
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	10	2	12	Incl. 3 security officers & 1 student
Detentions	15	1	16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	24	—	24	Incl. Jer., Ram'lh., Beth., Salfit, Qalq.
Destruction of Property	6*	—	6	Incl. notices to dismantle 3 tents
House Occupations	2	1	3	Incl. 2 houses in Deir al Ghusun
Curfews	—	2	2	Mawasi/K. Yunis & Mawasi/Rafah
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 1 in Salfit & 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	*	(9)	—	Incl. vicinity of settlements in Jenin
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. 2 partially open
Construction of Mil. Posts	2	—	2	Incl. military watchtowers erected
Settler Violence	13	—	13	Incl. 1 greenhouse set on fire
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Position outside 1 Pal. Police station
Palestinian Attacks	1	7	8	Incl. open fire towards Israeli patrols
TOTAL	118	19	137	

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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints, impeding civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the village of 'Anata checkpoint and prevent civilians from crossing in both directions. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Hizma and fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades while patrolling the area. Settler Violence: On 18 August 2005, a group of Israeli settlers closed the main road between the town of Ar Ram and the village of Jaba' and threw vehicle oil on the road.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: 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. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded access to vehicles leaving the city of Ramallah.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of El Bireh and Ramallah until 23:30. • Settler Violence: At 13:45, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Psagot attempted to raid the city of El Bireh. The Israeli army managed to turn the settlers back to the settlement.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Settlement Evacuation Areas: <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) The Israeli army continues to close Al Jalama Commercial Crossing, preventing civilians from crossing. The Israeli army opened Salim Crossing as an alternative, which will be open 3 days a week from 09:00 until 13:00. (v) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian access (except for humanitarian cases) to Um ar Rihan (Shaked) gate to 3 hours daily from 07:00–08:00, 13:00–14:00, and 17:00–18:00. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: On 17 August 2005, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the town of Qabatiya and arrested 2 Palestinian National Security officers. • Raid: At 00:05, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Bruqin, opened indiscriminate fire, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until 02:30. • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the vicinity of the town of Qabatiya arrested 2 Palestinian National Security officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Munir Ishteivi; and (ii) Thaer Burhan Balbisi. • Construction of Military Post: At 14:00, the Israeli army constructed a military post at the entrance to the settlement of Homesh. • Settler Violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sanur raided and damaged 1 gas station along the Jenin-Nablus main road near the

	<p>town the town of Jaba’.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:50, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement Shaked opened fire towards civilians in the village of Al ‘Araqa.</p>
<p>TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up at the junction to the settlement of ‘Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/House Occupation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem, took position in front of the city’s Palestinian Police station, and examined the IDs of Palestinian Police officers. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of ‘Illar plain and the towns of Zeita and ‘Attil. (iii) At 22:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal’a. The Israeli army also combed the area surrounding the town. (iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir al Ghusun, raided 2 houses, converted them into military posts, and searched another house. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 17 August 2005, the Israeli army arrested Omar Khalil ash Shar’ab, a Palestinian National Security officer, during its raid on the city of Tulkarem. <p>On 17 August 2005, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid on Nur Shams refugee camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mohammed Ahmed Muqbel; and (iii) Raed Fayeze Sha’ban. • Settler Violence: At 19:15, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to raid the town of ‘Anabta and assaulted 2 civilians (husband and wife), along the road connecting the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya.
<p>QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <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 search civilians with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrest: On 17 August 2005, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road arrested Ahmed Mahmoud ‘Uweisat,

	<p>a university student.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:40, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at a number of civilian vehicles travelling in the vicinity of the village of Jinsafut. (ii) At 15:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road near the settlement, damaging vehicles. (iii) At 19:30, an Israeli settler, travelling on a motorcycle, threw a Molotov cocktail at Palestinian owned greenhouses in the vicinity of the village of An Nabi Elyas, setting fire to 1 greenhouse and damaging crops cultivated within it. (iv) At 20:30, a group of Israeli settlers gathered at the entrance to the village of 'Azzun 'Atma and threw stones and Molotov cocktails at civilian vehicles, setting fire to 1 vehicle.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army closed the detour route connecting the town of 'Anabta and the village of Bizzariya. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army closed the road between the junction to the village of Jit and the city of Tulkarem until further notice. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> 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:</u> At 22:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Khallet al 'Amud in the city of Nablus. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 22:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint south of the city of Nablus arrested Jalal Abdullah Thiyab. • <u>Construction of Military Posts:</u> At 23:15, the Israeli army erected a number of military watchtowers along the road between the junction to the village of Jit and Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:35, groups of Israeli settlers gathered in the vicinity of Huwwara checkpoint, opened indiscriminate fire, and threw stones at civilian vehicles, damaging vehicles. (ii) At 21:40, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bracha gathered in the vicinity of the village of Kafr Qalil, burned vehicle tyres, and opened fire towards the village. Israeli settlers also verbally assaulted civilians. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers. (iii) At 21:50, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to 5 civilian vehicles near the village of Burin. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 21:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the village of Kafr Qalil towards 1 Israeli army patrol travelling along the main road between the city of Nablus and the town of Huwwara. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards the village.

<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> 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). • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <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 closed Za'tara checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiyah 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. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between the town of Marda and the settlement of Ari'el. (ii) At 21:30, Israeli troops, dispatched from Israeli army helicopters, raided the area between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bruqin, and searched civilians and vehicles until 01:00. (iii) At 23:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Marda, detained Sadeq al Khuffash, the Chairman of Marda Municipality, and released him at 01:00. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 16:30, groups of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Trans-Samaria Highway.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to prevent farmers not holding Jericho IDs from reaching their agricultural land, forcing them to apply for access permits. At various times, the Israeli army also impeded civilian movement into the city of Jericho. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Al Karamah (Allenby) Bridge arrested 2 civilians from the city of Tulkarem as they were returning from Jordan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bara' ad Dadu; and (ii) Samer Di'bas.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 16:10, and again at 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> The Israeli army distributed notices to civilians in the town of Al Khadr to dismantle 3 tents, which had been erected on the ruins of their 3 houses, demolished previously by the Israeli army.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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'. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrance to the town of Idhna and on the overpasses to the towns of Halhul and Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nabi Yunis in the town of Halhul and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and severely beat 2 civilians, after which they were transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • <u>Death:</u> Suhayb Mohammed Abu 'Iram, 9 years old, died of injuries sustained 5 days ago due to the explosion of an Israeli army UXO in the area of Al Karmil southwest of the town of Yatta. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint in the area of An Nabi Yunis in the town of Halhul arrested Abdul Salam Hasan Jaradat.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only. • <u>Attack/Injury:</u> At 23:15, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory near Point 27 on the Green Line northeast of the town of Beit
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	<p>Hanun, critically injuring Isam'il at Tarabin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 00:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ash Shuhada' – Netzarim Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction - Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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 22:00, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, preventing civilians from crossing. • <u>Curfew:</u> At 14:20, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the area of Al Mawasi Khan Yunis. • <u>Raid/House Occupations:</u> At 02:00, Israeli army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 6.5 in the city of Khan Yunis, occupied a number of houses, and converted them into military posts. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army arrested Ala' Hasan al Lahham in the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army arrested 'Imad 'Ayesh ash Sha'er in the area of al Mawasi/Khan Yunis. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Morag. (ii) At 11:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards At Tuffah checkpoint along Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road. (iii) At 21:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 22:20, 2 mortars were fired towards an Israeli army military post west of Al Amal neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis. (v) At 22:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Ganei Tal.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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. • Curfew: At 14:20, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the area of Al Mawasi/Rafah.
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GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conditions of Political Prisoners: Political prisoners' cells in Ad Damon Prison are overcrowded and improperly ventilated. Over 12 prisoners are held in 1 cell designed to hold only 8 prisoners. The Israeli Prison administration reduced the period of time political prisoners are permitted to go out into the prison yard from 1 hour to half an hour. The Prison administration also supplies prisoners with contaminated water. Additionally, ill prisoners have not received timely medical treatment.
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