

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
08:00 19 August 2005 – 08:00 20 August 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	43	—	<b>43</b>	Incl. international peace activists
Injuries	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. 1 child in Hebron by settlers
Attacks	3	2	<b>5</b>	Incl. 1 during a raid & 2 by settlers
Raids	26	3	<b>29</b>	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 1 in Gaza
Air Patrol	1	—	<b>1</b>	Helicopters over the district of Nablus
Arrests	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. 1 in Ramallah and 2 in Hebron
Detentions	21	—	<b>21</b>	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	2	<b>2</b>	North and west of Netzarim in Gaza
House Occupations	5	3	<b>8</b>	Incl. 1 in Hebron & 2 in Khan Yunis
Checkpoints	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	<b>10</b>	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	5	—	<b>5</b>	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	*	(9)	—	Incl. vicinity of settlements in Jenin
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Incl. Um ar Rihan gate closed
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	<b>6</b>	Incl. 2 partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	<b>1</b>	Call to prayers prohibited in Hebron
School Disruption	1	—	<b>1</b>	Deir al Ghusun Girls School occupied
Settler Violence	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. civilian vehicles stoned
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	<b>4</b>	Incl. open fire towards Psagot
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	In Bil'in against Wall construction
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>148</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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 from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and impede civilian access.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the village of Beit Iksa checkpoint and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 13:30, and again at 19:35, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 22:25, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Psagot. The Israeli army responded by opening intensive fire towards civilian houses in the city of El Bireh. The Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the cities of El Bireh and Ramallah. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Shadi al Johari in the city of El Bireh.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration/Physical Assault/Injuries/Detention:</u></b> A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including 1 international peace activist. The Israeli army also severely beat 38 protestors, including international peace activists, and detained 11 civilian protestors.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Settlement Evacuation Areas:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of 'Arraba with cement blocks.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at Al Malih junction east of the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/House Occupation:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat adh Dhahr, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr Ra'i until 15:00.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bardala.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> At 18:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sanur threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Jenin-Nablus main road.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<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 iron gate set up at the junction to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of Qaffin with cement blocks and barbed wire.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to the village of Al 'Atara and the road between the towns of Bal'a and 'Illar with dirt barricades.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Dahiyat Shuweika and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/House Occupations/Closure of Road/School Disruption:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a, set up 2 checkpoints at its eastern and western entrances, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. The Israeli army also occupied 2 houses and converted them into military posts.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of 'Illar, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 10:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of 'Attil and closed the detour route at the town's northern entrance, leading to the town of 'Illar.</p> <p>(iv) At 17:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qaffin.</p> <p>(v) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir al Ghusun, searched a number of houses, occupied Deir al Ghusun Girl's Secondary School, and converted it into a military post.</p> <p>(vi) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and searched 7 houses.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint/Physical Assault:</b> At 16:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik until 19:30. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint severely beat 'Azem Hajj Mohammed.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Air Patrol:</u></b> At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also searched 1 house, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 02:55.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> At 13:10, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus arrested Majed Kamal ‘Amer, a resident of the village of Kafr Qalil.</li> <li>• <b><u>House Occupation/Detention:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to occupy 1 house in the village of Burqa for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive day, detain residents, and prevent them from leaving the house, after converting it into a military post.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads/Detention:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 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).</li> <li>(ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army closed the entrance to the town of Marda with cement blocks and detained a number of civilians for an extended period of time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za’tara checkpoint, impeding civilian access in both directions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Marda and severely beat 3 children while patrolling the area. At 21:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya until 02:30.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access.</li> </ul>

<p><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:35, and again at 21:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<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 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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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'.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the overpasses to the towns of Halhul and Beit Kahil, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Yatta, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:45, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/House Occupation/Detention:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.</li> <li>(iii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Sinjir, affiliated with the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>(iv) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa, raided 1 Internet café, and detained 7 civilians inside for an extended period of time.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army raided the town of Ash Shuyukh, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests/Physical Assault:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:30, the Israeli army arrested 1 unidentified civilian in the old city of Hebron, after severely beating him.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Issa Subh al Halayqah in the town of Ash Shuyukh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the entrances to the old city of Hebron, detained dozens of civilians, and prevented them from accessing the Ibrahimi Mosque to perform Friday prayers.</li> <li>• <b>Attack on Religious Site:</b> The Israeli army prohibited the call to prayers from being broadcast in the Ibrahimi Mosque, claiming that it disturbed Israeli settlers.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 12:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilians and international peace activists while they were visiting civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Tall Rumeida in the old city of Hebron, injuring 8-year-old Muhsen Abu 'Eisheh.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian houses in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(iii) At 22:10, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Gosh 'Etzion threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Hebron-Bethlehem main road.</p>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ash Shuhada' – Netzarim Junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction - Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory west of the settlement of Netzarim south of Gaza city and levelled agricultural land.</li> <li>• <b>Land Levelling:</b> At 12:45, the Israeli army levelled land to erect dirt barricades north of the settlement of Netzarim south of Gaza city, claiming to be preparing for the evacuation of the settlement.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> <li>(v) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah checkpoint) is closed.</li> <li>(vi) Abu Holi road is partially open.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 21:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 10 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/House Occupations:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided 800 meters into Palestinian territory north of Kessufim road, occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and opened fire towards the area of Abu al 'Ajin.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the area of Ar Rabwat in the district of Khan Yunis, occupied 2 houses, and converted it into a military post.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim, but landed on Palestinian territory.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:05, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army military post in the area of Ad Dalta near Al Amal neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis.</li> <li>(iii) At 24:00, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed to Palestinian civilians under the age of 35.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## GENERAL

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Abuse of Political Prisoner:</u></b> Israeli troops forced Ahmed ash Shurafa, a political detainee held in Kedumim Detention and Interrogation Centre, to strip completely in front of Israeli male and female soldiers in order to humiliate him.</li> <li>• <b><u>Administrative Detention:</u></b> The Israeli military court at Salim Military Detention Camp issued an administrative detention order (arrest without charge or trial) for 1 political prisoner from the city of Tulkarem.</li> </ul>
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