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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 August 2009 – 08:00 21 August 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	5	6	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 by navy boats
Raids	18	1	19	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Nablus
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	6	3	9	Incl. 3 civilians in the Central Gaza district
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. a civilian and his wife in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 2 in Salfit and 3 in Hebron
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	A civilian house and crops damaged
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A hunting rifle in Jayyus, Qalqiliya
House Occupations	2	—	2	Also converted into military posts
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	47	—	47	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. a civilian beaten in Jerusalem
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	Fire opened on Israeli army patrols
Pal. Security Measure	3	—	3	A settler & his family members handed
TOTAL	140	18	158	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. 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). Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bared from the town of Ar Ram. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. Settler Violence: At 22:55, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Mohammed Suleiman Hussein Hathalin in the area between the villages of Jaba' and Mikhmas, leaving him with contusions. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Nayef 'Awadh in the village of Kafr Malik. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 town of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raid/House Occupation: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, occupied the roof of a house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also searched 2 houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:00. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hani Hasan in the city of Tulkarem. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) Beginning at 19:00 on 19 August 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Asla.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of ‘Azzun and the village of ‘Izbat Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property/Detentions/House Occupation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Azzun and the village of ‘Asla. (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 01:30. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus, searched 1 house, confiscated a hunting rifle, and caused damage to the house. The Israeli army also detained Sufian Mohammed Khaled as well as his wife and released them at a later time. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, occupied the roof of a building, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also searched 4 houses, a kindergarten, and a mechanic’s workshop. Additionally, the Israeli army served a summons to a female civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate leading to the village of Ras ‘Atiya arrested Sayel Hussein Hasan ‘Odeh, a resident of the village of Ad Dab’a. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Mustafa Yousef ‘Irman in the village of Jit. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mu’nes Abdul Ilah Mohammed Khaled in the town of Jayyus. • <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 its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; and the main road and eastern entrance to entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Till and Madama; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beita. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp and patrolled the area until 04:25. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 03:00 on 20 August 2009, the Israeli army arrested Bassam Rahmi Dawoud Abu Ghazaleh during its raid into the village of Rujeib, as was reported yesterday. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 14:20, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained 3 Palestinian Preventive Security officers and released them after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Settler Violence:</u> On 20 August 2009, a group of Israeli settlers opened indiscriminate fire and threw stones at civilians while they were working on their land in the area surrounding the village of Burin.
SALFIT	<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 with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 23:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles until 01:15. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 02:00. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al ‘Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 10:15, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli settler along with his family members, after they had been apprehended while they were attempting to gain access into the city of Jericho.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, 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 <i>dunums</i> (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: In addition to detour roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Wadi Rahhal-the settlement of Efrat; and a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Za’tara. (iii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Al ‘Ubayyat in the city of Bethlehem. • 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 Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of 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. The Israeli army also 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, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
 - (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
 - (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.
 - (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis near the town of Halhul (on the Hebron-Bethlehem main road) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids:** At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched a number of houses, and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 16:35, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. at 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city for the third time.
- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire in the district of Khan Yunis. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilians and property in the districts of Northern and Central Gaza. In addition, Israeli navy boats opened intensive towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Khan Yunis. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals opened towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> At 16:20, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards Palestinian territory.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> On 20 August 2009, the Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. The 3 civilians were arrested after they had crossed the border fence in the area surrounding Kissufim gate on the Green Line. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> At 16:15, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol in the area surrounding Kissufim Gate on the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards Palestinian territory.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 20 August 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the city of Khan Yunis.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the morning of 21 August 2009, the Israeli army, including several tanks, armoured vehicles, and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Farahin east of the city of Khan Yunis. The Israeli army opened fire intensively towards agricultural land and civilian houses as well as levelled farmland.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sentence:</u> The Israeli military court at Salem Military Camp sentenced Safi ‘Imad ad Din Mustafa Salameh, a resident of the city of Tulkarem, to 30 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 4,000 (approximately USD 1,000).
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