مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية

PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 21 August 2010 – 08:00 22 August 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Civilians beaten in Hebron district
Injuries	1	1	2	A child and fisherman
Attacks	3	3	6	Incl. 1 in a raid and 2 by navy boats
Raids	12	1	13	Incl. 8 in Hebron and 1 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrol	—	1	1	By reconnaissance aircraft, Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	4	—	4	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 1 in Jericho
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In the Khan Yunis district
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 2 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	43	—	43	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Rafah Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	A muezzin severely beaten, Jerusalem
Demonstrations	3	—	3	Incl. against settler violence
TOTAL	**114**	**13**	**127**	

DISTRICT	EVENTS

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	• **Closure/Air Patrol:** (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. • **Settler Violence:** At 18:25, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat and left with contusions Amjad Mithqal Barakat, muezzin of the An Nabi Samwil village's mosque, while he was going to perform the sunset call to prayers. Subsequently, Israeli troops arrested a civilian because he attempted to confront settlers. • **Arrests:** (i) At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint arrested Ahmed Mahmoud Abu Surour, a resident of Bethlehem city, while he was travelling to Al Maqassid Hospital in Jerusalem city to visit his father. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Salem Talal Barakat in An Nabi Samwil village. • **Demonstration:** In the evening of 22 August 2010, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against seizure of civilian houses and settlement projects in the city of Jerusalem.

	• **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 was suspended for the weekend 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. • **Raid:** At 24:00, the Israeli army raided Surda village and served a summons on Walid al Bazzar to reported to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Arraba town, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 13:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sanur village and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to 'Arraba arrested Ibrahim Salem al Kharouf. • **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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Jarushiya village and searched civilians and vehicles. • **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 10:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Funduq village and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 11:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town. • **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:** At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Till and 'Iraq Burin villages and searched civilians and vehicles. Only allowing residents to cross, Israeli troops denied access to 'Iraq Burin village.
	• **Demonstration/Raid:** At 17:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in 'Iraq Burin village in protest against land confiscation for construction of settlement projects. Subsequently, the Israeli army raided the village and declared it a closed military zone. Confrontations took place between with the Israeli army, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants with tear gas inhalation.
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 Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Bruqin town and Qarawat Bani Zeid village and searched civilians. (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Deir Ballut town and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 Checkpoints:** (i) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 90 near Al Jiftlik village, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a civilian. • **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Road # 90 near Al Jiftlik village arrested Sufyan Thabet 'Atawneh.
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/Detentions:** At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Tuqu' town. Allegedly for throwing stones, Israeli troops detained 3 children and released them at a later time. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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:**

(i)   At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Dura town and Deir Samit village and searched civilians and vehicles.

(ii)   At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Sa'ir town and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Attack:** At 00:10, Israeli troops positioned in the area opposite Al 'Arrub refugee camp fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades towards a number of civilians, ostensibly for throwing stones. As a result, Israeli troops injured 16-year-old Ali Jaber Ali at Titi.

- **Raids/Physical Assaults:**

(i)   At 19:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town.

(ii)   At 23:40, the Israeli army raided Hebron city, searched a number of houses, and served summons on 4 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

(iii)   At 23:50, the Israeli army raided Idhna town, searched a house, and served summonses to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency on Ibrahim al Jayyawi and his physically disabled son, Tariq.

(iv)   At 24:00, the Israeli army raided Kharsa village and searched a house.

(v)   At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Kahil town.

(vi)   At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town, searched a house, and served a summons Bassam Mohammed al Battat to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

(vii)   At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Beit 'Awwa town, severely beat a number of civilians, searched 2 houses, and served a summons on Ali Badawi al Masalmeh to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

(viii)   At 00:50, the Israeli army raided Yatta town, searched a house, and served a summons on Hamzeh Ahmed an Najjar to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

- **Demonstration:** At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activist, took place on farmland near the Karmei Tzur settlement in Beit Ummar town in protest against settler violence. Protestors demanded that civilians be enabled to access and tend their land. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.

- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • **Violation of the Ceasefire:** The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in Khan Yunis district. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the Northern Gaza and Rafah beaches, resulting in the injuring a Palestinian fisherman.

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • **Attack/Injury:** At noon on 21 August 2010, Israeli navy officers opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of Beit Lahiya town, injuring a Palestinian fisherman.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Activities were not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:** At dawn on 22 August 2010, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Qarara area. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire on civilian houses and property.
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 closed. • **Attack:** At dawn on 22 August 2010, Israeli navy officers opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the city of Rafah's beach.