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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 24 August 2010 – 08:00 25 August 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Civilians beaten in Nablus and Hebron
Attacks	3	_	3	In confrontations with Israeli troops
Raids	12	_	12	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 2 in Ramallah
Arrests (per person)	13	_	13	Incl. 4 children and a Police officer
Detentions	11	_	11	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Wall Construction	19	_	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	20		20	Incl. 7 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	43		43	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Attacks on Religious Sites	*	_		2 mosques slated for demolition
TOTAL	138	4	142	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

Closure:

- (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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

Raids:

- (i) At 01:30 on 24 August 2010, the Israeli army raided Hizma village and arrested a civilian.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided Bir Nabala town and searched a number of houses.

• Arrests:

- (i) On 24 August 2010, Israeli troops positioned at Shu'fat checkpoint arrested Radhi Badawi Jubran.
- (ii) Israeli toops arrested Mohammed Ibrahim Odeh Subh in Hizma village.

• 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.

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	• 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	 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. The Israeli authorities continues to declare the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in Ni'lin town and Bil'in village a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays. Civilian access to the area is denied except with a special permit. Raids: At 00:35, the Israeli army raided Kafr Malik village and arrested a civilian. At 03:30, the Israeli army raided Kharbatha al Misbah village and arrested 3 children. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army arrested Abdul Majid Mohammed Shafiq al Masri in Kafr Malik village. The Israeli army arrested Abdul Majid Mohammed Shafiq al Masri in Kafr Malik village. Hamzeh Mohammed Ali al Hubol, 17 years old; Mohammed Mahmoud Thiyab Harfoush, 16 years old; Malek 'Uthman Mohammed Harfoush, 16 years old. Attack on Religious Site: On 23 August 2010, the Israeli army decided to demolish a mosque under construction near Al Jalazun refugee camp. In accordance with an Israeli High Court decision, the mosque was being built without the required construction licence and located in Area C, which is under full Israeli control. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. 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	<u>Checkpoint</u> : 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."

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	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. <u>Raid</u>: At 01:10, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem city, searched a house,
	 and arrested a child. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Murad Jamal al Jamal, 16 years old, in
	 Tulkarem city. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
	Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
	• Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 10:00, and again at 15:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city. At 05:00, the Israeli army set up a third checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 07:20.
	(ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun and Jayyus towns on the Qalqiliya-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth towns and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 23:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
QALQILYA	 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raids</u>: At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town. At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the town again. While patrolling the area. confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. <u>Wall Gates</u>:
	(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.
	• 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
NABLUS	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.

- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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 Checkpoints:

- (i) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance 'Einabus village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Burqa village and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:00.
- (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and searched civilians and vehicles until 01:50.
- Raid/Physical Assault: At 22:50, the Israeli army raided Nablus city and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also severely beat and arrested a civilian.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in Nablus city.
- Attack on Religious Site: On 23 August 2010, the Israeli army decided to demolish a mosque under construction in Burin village. In accordance with an Israeli High Court decision, the mosque was being built without the required construction licence and located in Area C, which is under full Israeli control.

• 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 two detour roads connecting the village of Marda to respective agricultural land.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Arie'l settlement, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a civilian.
- (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Salfit city and Bruqin town and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	 (iii) At 22:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Bruqin town and Qarawat Bani Zeid village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 23:20, the Israeli army raided Iskaka village, searched a house, and served a summons to Mohammed Zeidan Ali Lami, a university student, to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the junction to Ari'el settlement arrested Muwaffaq Mohammed Hussein Shubeitah. • Wall Construction: 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.
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: 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. 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 Checkpoint: At 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:45.
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 dunums (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: At 02:30, the Israeli army raided Beit Ta'mir village, searched a house, and a summons to Zaher Hasan al Wahsh to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. 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 Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.

• 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 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles in Farsh al Hawa area (the northern entrance to Hebron city that branches of Road # 35).
- (iii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Yunis area near Halhul town on the Hebron-Bethlehem road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: Israeli troops severely beat Samer Nayef ar Rajabi near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions. At 23:40, Ar Rajabi was admitted to Hebron Public Hospital for medical treatment.

• Raids:

- (i) At 16:05, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided Beit Ummar town and arrested a

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- <u>Arrests</u>: At 20:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and a Palestinian Police officer in Al Baq'a area near Kiryat Arba' settlement in the old city of Hebron:
- (i) 'Ahed Hisham Mustafa Jaber, a Palestinian Police officer;
- (ii) Mahmoud Hisham Mustafa Jaber; and
- (iii) Muhannad Mohammed Mustafa Jaber.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Ramzi Mohammed Hammad Abu Mariya in Beit Ummar town.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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

• 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.

NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: 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	Activities were not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. 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. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel designated for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas.