

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 25 August 2009 – 08:00, 26 August 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	—	1	1	A civilian attempting to sneak into Israel
Arrests (per person)	5	1	6	Incl. 1 in Ramallah & 1 in Bethlehem
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	20	—	20	Incl. 4 on Ramallah & 4 on Bethlehem
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 2 in Bethlehem
Attacks	1	4	5	Incl. 3 from military posts & 1 by Navy
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	46	—	46	Incl. 1 in Jenin & 1 in Tulkarm
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossings only
Palestinian Attack	—	2	2	Open fire towards 2 army patrols
TOTAL	132	12	144	

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"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall, according to a set of land confiscation orders, for the construction of the Wall around the city of Jerusalem to prevent civilians from entering the city, with the exception of civilians living in the area and those holding permits. Entry is regulated through crossings and gates set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, as designated in the military order. (iii) 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 in Jerusalem city 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. Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Biddu and patrolled the area until 02:00. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira,
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	<p>Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, and south of Beit Hanina village.</p>
<p>RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the town of Surda and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Atara town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and arrested a civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the town of Bir Zeit the civilian Thaer Muhammad Abdulraheem Washha. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of ‘Abud and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p>JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to ‘Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 25 August 2009, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and arrested a Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the city of Jenin officer Nizar Maher Muhammad Turkman. • 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.
<p>TOUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the town of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00.
<p>TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh and the road connecting the town of Kafr Al Labad to the village of Shofeh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • Raid: At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarm.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya. Again at 16:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:15. • 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 its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00. (ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00, whereas on Friday, the checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 15:00. All vehicles are allowed to enter the city of Nablus through Awarta, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances are allowed to depart the city through this checkpoint. • Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabalan.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bidya. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<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. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-‘Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits. • Detention: On 24 August 2009, the Israeli army detained at Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing the civilian Ibrahim Riziq Muhammad Said Hamdiya and released him at a later time after serving him with a summon to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency at Salem Military Camp in Jenin district.
BETHLEHEM	<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’man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As-Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideways east of Beit Fajjar town. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Osh Ghrab that is located east of Beit Sahur city and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah and set up a flying checkpoint. (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Nahhalin. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city, searched a number of houses and arrested a civilian in the refugee camp. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem the civilian Raed Muhammad Obaid. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

HEBRON

- **Closure:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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 # 06/09 closing the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
 - (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
 - (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 bypass Road # 60.
 - (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the Iron Gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Turqumiya and Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Zif and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. Again at 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area.
 - (ii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, set up a flying checkpoint, searched a number of commercial shops and withdrew at 22:50.
 - (iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Arab Ar Ramadin and searched a commercial shop.
 - (iv) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ummar town.

	<p>(v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp and arrested 2 children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in Al Arrub refugee camp the 2 children Omar Zuhdi Mahfouz, 16-year-old, and Muhammad Emad Abu Sharar, 17-year-old. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. • The Israeli army breached the ceasefire by opening fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line. In addition, Israeli Navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea. As a result, a civilian who sustained injuries was arrested while attempting to sneak into Israel. • Armed Palestinian groups violated the ceasefire by opening fire towards 2 Israeli army patrols near the Green Line in the districts of Central Gaza and Khan Yunis.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for fuel transport. • Arrest: In the evening on 25 August 2009, the Israeli army arrested unknown civilian who was injured after opening fire at him in the periphery of Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal Oz) Crossing, east of Gaza city, while attempting to sneak into Israel.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attack: At 11:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army near Kissufim gate on the Green Line, east of Deir Al Balah city. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards Palestinian territory.

<p>KHAN YOUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 15:55, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near As Sareeh gate on the Green Line, east of Al Qarara town. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards Palestinian territory.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul 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 the transport of food and humanitarian assistance. • <u>Attack:</u> At dawn on 25 August 2009, Israeli Navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Rafah city beach.

GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abuse of Political Prisoners:</u> On 25 August 2009, the Israeli authorities cancelled the scheduled visits of families of political prisoners to Hadarim, Asqalan and Megidu prisons under the pretext that groups of Israeli settlers demonstrated in front of prisons to prevent the families of political prisoners from visiting their children in Israeli jails.
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