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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 25 August 2010 – 08:00 26 August 2010

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	3	2	5	Incl. 1 by navy boats and 1 by settlers
Raids	36	1	37	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 8 in Hebron
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance over Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	11	—	11	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 4 in Nablus
Detentions	12	—	12	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	22	—	22	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 4 in Qalqiliya
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	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Attempt to raid a mosque in Jerusalem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	4	—	4	Incl. taking position near security posts
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	**166**	**8**	**174**	

DISTRICT	EVENTS

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	• **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. • **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. • **Raids:** (i) At 11:30, and again at 02:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Samir Amis area north of the city of Jerusalem. (ii) The Israeli army raided Abu Dis town and arrested two civilians. (iii) The Israeli army raided Kafr 'Aqab village and arrested a civilian. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Abu Dis town: (i) Khalaf Khalaf Jamous; and (ii) Isma'il Khalaf Jamous. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Thaer Abdul Rahim Ahmed in Kafr 'Aqab village. • **Settler Violence/Attacks:** At dawn on 26 August 2010, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to raid a heritage mosque in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. Settlers opened indiscriminate fire on civilians, who forced them to pull back. The Israeli army also fired rubber-coated steel bullets on civilians, while they were confronting settlers.

	• **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 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:** (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) 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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Silwad town and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 11:00, and again at 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Mughayyir village. (iii) At 00:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled At Tayba town. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Surda village. (v) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided Bir Zeit town and arrested three civilians. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Bir Zeit town: (i) Yousef Mousa Hosheh; (ii) Ramez Abdul Rahim Ahmed; and (iii) Khaled Saleem Sa'd. • **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. • **Raids:** (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Qabatiya town and patrolled the area until 03:30.

	(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Jenin city, searched several houses, and withdrew at 04:30. (iii) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided Sanur village and patrolled the area until 04:10. • **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 Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road on the road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:50, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the village of Ramin and the other near the entrance to 'Einav settlement, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Dahiyat Dhinnaba in Tulkarem city and Kafr al Labad village and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 21:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Izbat Abu Khamish village. • **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 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town, searched civilians and vehicles, and served a summons on Layth 'Anaya, a Palestinian National Security officer, to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 13:30, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth towns and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Al Funduq and Hajja villages and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided Kafr Thulth town, took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area. at 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town again.

	(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided 'Azzun town, attempted to raid a Palestinian National Security post, and patrolled the area. At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched two houses.
	• **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 Checkpoints/Detentions:**
	(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Shavei Shomron settlement and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to Nablus city), searched civilian vehicles, and arrested two civilians. Israeli troops also detained two other civilians, including a child:
	(i) Mustafa Ahmed Abu Jeish, 17 years old; and
	(ii) Nassr Ahmed Abu Jeish.

	Israeli troops released both detained civilians at a later time. • **Raid:** At 13:50, the Israeli army raided Al Badhan village and arrested two civilians. • **Arrests:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Badhan road arrested two civilians: (i) Munadhel Mohammed Saleh; and (ii) Samer Mohammed Balawneh. The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Al Badhan village: (iii) Wazir Kamel 'Isa; and (iv) Steven Hassan Khadher 'Anabtawi.
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 two 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 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kifl Haris town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Deir Ballut town and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bruqin town. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Qarawat Bani Hassan village. • **Arrest:** At 12:30, Israeli troops arrested Jihad Sa'id Abdul Hafeth Samarah, a resident of Bruqin town, while he was working in the Barkan settlement. • **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:** (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. • **Raid:** At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Fasayil village.

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 Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Husan village and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:30. • **Raids:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Ubeidiya town. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Ash Shawawra village, searched a house, and served a summons on Walid Abdullah al Khatib to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Al Khadr town and searched a house. (iv) At 02:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Artas village. • **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.
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 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Hawawir area (the northern entrance to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to As Samoa' town and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• **Attack:** At 18:00, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades on civilians at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, allegedly for throwing stones.
	• **Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**
	(i) At 09:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city. The Israeli army also set up two checkpoints, including one opposite a Palestinian National Security post. At 01:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again.
	(ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided Deir Samit village and searched a house.
	(iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ula town.
	(iv) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Sa'ir, Ash Shuyukh, and Halhul.
	(v) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Adh Dhahiriya 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

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.
	• **Violations of the Ceasefire:**
	(i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in Central Gaza district. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the Northern Gaza district.
	(ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • **Attack:** In the morning of 26 August 2010, Israeli navy officers opened intensive fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudnaiya beach west of Beit Lahiya town. • **Palestinian Attack:** At noon on 25 August 2010, armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar on the Green Line.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (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	• **Raid/Air Patrol/Attack:** At 23:15, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Deir al Balah city. The Israeli army opened fire intensively on agricultural land and civilian houses.
KHAN YUNIS	• Activities were not reported.
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 partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel designated for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas.