مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 August 2010 – 08:00 27 August 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 in by navy boats
Raids	13	1	14	Incl. 4 in Hebron and 1 Northern Gaza
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft, Northern Gaza
Arrests (per person)	8	_	8	Incl. a university student
Detentions	14	_	14	Incl. 3 Palestinian security officers
Wall Construction	19	_	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 6 in Hebron
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
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	An officer summoned to Intelligence
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	A mortar fired on the Green Line
Demonstrations	_	2	2	Incl. to restore fallen persons' corpses
TOTAL	132	9	141	

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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army on the junction to Hizma village, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Anata town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ar Ram town.
- <u>Arrest</u>: On 25 August 2010, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ali Mohammed ash Sha'ir, a resident of Tuqu' town in the Bethlehem district, in Jerusalem city, allegedly because he did not possess an access permit.
- <u>Detentions</u>: At 07:00 on 26 August 2010, the Israeli army detained and interrogated two civilians and a Palestinian Police officer in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city because they confronted Israeli settlers who had attempted to raid a mosque. Having forced them to sign on pledges to report to the Israeli Intelligence offices, Israeli troops released the detained persons at 16:00. These were:
- (i) Shadi Mohammed Sumrin, a Palestinian Police officer;

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	(ii) Walid Mohammed Sumrin; and				
	(iii) Ibrahim Khadher Sumrin.				
	At 17:45, Israeli troops summoned by telephone the Palestinian Police officer to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency at 20:00. • 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: 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 continue 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. Raid: At 17:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled At Tayba town. 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. Demonstration: At 11:00, families of political prisoners and fallen persons held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Jenin city in solidarity with political prisoners. Protestors demanded that prisoners be released and corpse of fallen Palestinians, which the Israeli army continues to detain in the so-called "Cemetery of Numbers" and in mortuaries, be restored. 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flving Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Deir al Ghusun town and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 08:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Jarushiya village. At 13:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Far'un village. At 13:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarem town. Arrests: On 25 August 2010, Israeli troops positioned at 'Einav checkpoint arrested Subhi 'Isam Di'bas, a university student and resident of the Tulkarem city. At 08:00, the Israeli army arrested Zeid Burhan Tawfiq Hamdallah, a resident of 'Anabta town, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency. Hamdallah had received a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge, while he was returning from Jordan. 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 08:00, and again at 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya town and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:00. Raid: At 00:25, the Israeli army raided 'Azzun town, searched five houses, and withdrew at 02:30. Arrest: On 25 August 2010, the Israeli army arrested Hashem Ali Zeid, a resident of Qalqiliya city, inside the Green Line, ostensibly because he was not in possession of an access permit. 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.

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 'Agraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Oabalan 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 Nagura 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: At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed (i) 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 **NABLUS** only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Flying Checkpoints/Detentions: At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (i) Bizzariya village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction (ii) Shavei Shomron settlement and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrests: On 25 August 2010, Israeli troops arrested three residents of An Nagura village inside the Green Line, claiming that they were not in possession of access permits: (i) Ibrahim Ahmed Hasan Sa'd; (ii) Bilal Yousef Thaher Muhsen; and (iii) Hussein Mohammed Hasan Sarsour. **Demonstration:** At 11:00, families of political prisoners and fallen persons held a sit-in demonstration in front of ICRC offices in Nablus city in solidarity with political prisoners. Protestors demanded that prisoners be released and corpse of fallen Palestinians, which the Israeli army continues to detain in the so-called "Cemetery of Numbers" and in mortuaries, be restored. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (i) **SALFIT** entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern (ii)entrance to the town of Brugin.

	 (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. • Raids: (i) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr ad Dik town. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bruqin town. • 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.
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 Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. Raid/Detentions: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Al Walaja village, detained two Palestinian General Intelligence officers, and released them at a later time: (i) Ahmed Mohammed Zu'oul; and (ii) Ali Shakir Radaydeh. 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 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Kahil town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:50, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:40.
- (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to As Samoa' town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 20:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 23:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kharsa town and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Yatta town.
- (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Idhna town, searched a house, and arrested a civilian.

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- (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Adh Dhahiriya town.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Harith Yousef Mohammed Tumeizi in Idhna 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 Northern Gaza district. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the Rafah district. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar towards the Green Line.

Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. Raid/Air Patrol/Attack: At dawn on 27 August 2010, the Israeli army, **NORTHERN** including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by GAZA reconnaissance aircraft, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory east of As Seifa area north of Beit Lahiya town. The Israeli army opened fire intensively on agricultural land and civilian houses. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (i) **GAZA** Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January (ii) 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. **CENTRAL** Activities were not reported. GAZA Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 26 August 2010, armed Palestinian **KHAN YUNIS** individuals fired a mortar on the Green Line. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (i) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow (ii) **RAFAH** 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.
- <u>Attack</u>: At dawn on 27 August 2010, Israeli navy officers opened fire intensively on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Rafah city.