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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 28 August 2009 – 08:00 29 August 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	Incl. a 9-year-old child severely beaten
Injuries	4	—	4	3 in Ramallah and 1 in Bethlehem
Attacks	3	4	7	Incl. 4 from mil. posts and 1 by settlers
Raids	11	—	11	Incl. 2 in Jenin and 3 in Nablus
Air Patrols	2	—	2	Helicopters over Jerusalem and El Bireh
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. a female civilian in Nablus
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 2 in Hebron
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	46	—	46	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya & 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Rafah Crossing Point open
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. fire opened and sheep stolen
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards Green Line
Demonstrations	3	—	3	Against the Wall, incl. in Ramallah
TOTAL	146	11	157	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 28 August 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers in the first week of the holy month of Ramadan at the mosque. However, the Israeli army only allowed access to male civilians above 50 years of age and female civilians above 45 years as well as to male and female civilians, who hold access permits and are above 45 and 30 years of age respectively. As a result, many civilians performed prayers on streets and near checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem. In addition, the Israeli army released an aerostat equipped with a camera over the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. An Israeli combat helicopter also patrolled the skies over the compound and watched worshippers. (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) 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 03:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At dawn on 29 August 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Bil'in, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Bil'in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Amr Hisham Abdul Majid Nasser; and (ii) Ashraf Mohammed Jamal al Khatib. • Air Patrol: At 02:40, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the southern quarters of the city of El Bireh. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 3 participants, including a female civilian as well as a disabled civilian. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a civilian sustained bone fractures in the arm. A number of participants also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Silat adh Dhahr (on the Jenin-Nablus main road) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Zububa and patrolled the area until 00:40. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 01:30. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 town of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 08:40, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Avnei Hefetz threw stones at civilians while they were present on their land near the settlement. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 19:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of ‘Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) Beginning at 12:10 on 27 August 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with an iron gate the western entrance to the village of An Naqura opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. It should be noted that the Israeli army had removed the dirt barricade set up at the entrance to the village. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as ‘Askar and ‘Ein Beit el Ma’ refugee camps. In the city and in ‘Askar refugee camp, the Israeli army searched a number of houses and arrested 5 civilians, including a female civilian. At 05:50, the Israeli army withdrew from these areas. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus and in ‘Askar refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ghufran ‘Ilayyan Zamel; (ii) Rami al Wazani; (iii) Qasem Ghazi Jarwan; (iv) Mohammed Muna; and (v) Sami as Saddir. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 17:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Itamar opened indiscriminate fire, stole 3 sheep, and assaulted a number of civilians east of the village of Yanun.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance 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 and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • 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	<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 and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Checkpoint: At 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in area of An Nabi Musa (on the Jericho-Jerusalem main road) and searched civilians and vehicles.
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) 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 <i>dunums</i> (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: In addition to detour roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Wadi Rahhal-the settlement of Efrat; and a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Settler Violence:</u> At 09:10, the Israeli army raided the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers. • <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Injuries:</u> At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara against Wall construction. Having access to the Wall construction site denied, Israeli troops severely beat protestors with clubs and rifle butts, leaving 9-year-old Usamah Iyad Breijjiyyeh with injuries and contusions. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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 Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 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 # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (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. (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of ‘Arab ar Ramadin 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 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. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided opened intensive fire and fired 2 missile mortars from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the district of Central Gaza. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the morning of 29 August 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 29 August 2009, the Israeli army fired 2 missile mortars from its location on the Green Line towards armed Palestinian individuals east of Al Bureij refugee camp. (ii) At dawn on 29 August 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards agricultural land and civilian houses east of the city of Deir al Balah as well as east of Al Bureij and Al Maghazi refugee camps.

KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<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 was open on an exceptional basis to allow access to civilians who had performed ‘Umrah (minor pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia). Departure of 13 other civilians from the Gaza Strip was also allowed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.