

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 29 August 2008 – 08:00, 30 August 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	---	1	1 civilian in Ramallah
Arrests (per person)	3	---	3	Incl. 1 civilian in Qalqilya
Detentions	16	---	16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	31	---	31	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehenm
Closure of Checkpoints	15	---	15	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	---	14	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 5 in Hebron
Attacks	3	--	3	3 in confrontations & 1 from navy boats
Wall Construction	---	---	---	Suspended for the Jewish weekend
Closure (per District)	7	---	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	52	---	52	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 5 in Salfit
Closure of Crossing Points	---	2	2	Only humanitarian cases allowed
Demonstrations	3	---	3	In solidarity with prisoners
TOTAL	145	2	147	

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: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-Bareed to al-Ram town to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. At 18:00, the Israeli army removed the checkpoint that is set up on the entrance to the village of Rafat that connects the city of Ramallah with the town of Bir Nibala in Jerusalem district. Raids: The Israeli army raided the town of Anata and searched 2 civilian houses. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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 was suspended for the Jewish weekend in Dahiyat al-Bareed, Dahiyat al-Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of al-Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</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 and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. (ii) As of 00:25 on 01 August 2008, the Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of Ni’lin. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to ‘Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of al-Bireh. (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Turmusayya. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:50, a public march set out in the town of Bilin, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the apartheid wall construction. The Israeli army clashed with civilian protestors and injured 1 civilian. (ii) At 13:00, a public march set out in the town of Ni’lin with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the apartheid wall construction. Civilian protestors held Friday noon prayer on land threatened with confiscation. In addition, the Israeli army clashed with civilian protestors and injured 3 civilians. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to ‘Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the eastern entrance to the town of Qabatia, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the village of al-Araqa and patrolled it until 21:15. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Arraba and searched 1 civilian house. (iii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatia, clashed with civilian during patrol, and withdrew at 01:30. (iv) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Zebouba. • <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.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:05, the Israeli army raided the towns of Anabta and Kafal-Lubbad and patrolled them until 01:10. (ii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'on, set up a checkpoint, and withdrew at 23:35. (iii) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and the refugee camp of Tulkarem. • 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 • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqilya and impede civilian access. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyous. (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya, searched a number of civilian houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 06:00. • Arrests: The civilian arrested in the city of Qalqilya is Imad Ramadan Hotari. • 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 metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

<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 with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, 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 entrance to the village of Qaryut, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) On 10 August 2008, the Israeli army re-opened the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron, allowing daily passage in both directions from 06:00 until 17:00. • <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 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. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. (iii) At 13:10, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint (western entrance to the city of Nablus under the pretext of the presence of a suspicious object, and reopened it at 13:30. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the city of Nablus and the town of Asera al-Shimaliyyeh. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Tel and arrested 1 military officer. (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and the refugee of Ein Beit al-Ma', and patrolled them until 03:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> The military officer arrested in the village of Tel is Ismail Ibrahim Mohammad Afana.
<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 Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. (iii) At 14:50, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the town of Kaf Hares and the village of Hares with earth mounds and reopened it at 16:40.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • Flying Checkpoints: At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the town of Bruqin and the village of Kafr al-Dik, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled it until 22:00. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Hares and patrolled it until 01:00. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend 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 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: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on 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.
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) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh 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, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. • Flying Checkpoints: At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on al-Nashash junction (southern entrance to her city of Bethlehem and impeded traffic. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem, and set up a checkpoint. The raid recurred at 22:30.

	<p>(ii) At 22:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and patrolled it until 23:20.</p> <p>(iii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the town of al-Khader and patrolled it until 01:00.</p> <p>(iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Asakreh and Beit Ta'mor.</p> <p>(v) At 04:40, the Israeli army raided the village of al-Maasara, searched a number of civilian houses, and withdrew at 05:20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrations: At 11:00, a public march set out in the village of al-Ma'sara, with the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of the apartheid wall construction. The Israeli army detained 2 civilians and 8 international peace activists from France and from the Israeli peace movement. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish weekend in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp. (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) At 08:00 on 7 August 2008, the Israeli army re-opened the junction of Farsh Al Hawa north of Hebron city, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing. The Israeli army installed an iron gate instead of the dirt barricade. The Israeli army designated times for the daily opening the gate: 05:00 until 07:00 and 09:00 until 13:00. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the town of Sa'ir, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on al-Fawwar junction, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on Halhoul overpass, and searched civilians and vehicle • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched 1 civilian house, and withdrew at 17:00. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Edna and searched 2 civilian houses. (iii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and set up 2 checkpoints. (iv) At 04:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army arrested near al-Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron 1 civilian called Mohammad Ahmad Jbeirat from the town of Halhul. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was susended for the Jewish weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Egyptian-brokered ceasefire agreement is holding. The ceasefire started at 06:00 on 19 June 2008, and included, <i>inter alia</i>, a complete cessation of all hostilities. • The Israeli army violated the cease fire agreement and opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially opened (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed after firing a mortar towards the Green Line. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed after firing a mortar towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed after firing a mortar towards the Green Line. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.