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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 30 August 2009 – 08:00, 31 August 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Arrests (per person)	16	—	16	Incl. 9 in Hebron & 3 in Jericho
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	18	—	18	Incl. 3 in Hebron & 3 in Bethlehem
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya & 1 in Jenin
Attacks	4	3	7	Incl. 2 attacks by navy boats
Destruction of Property	11	—	11	Incl. destroy the furniture of 10 houses
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	—	3	3	Partial opening of 4 crossing points
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Entering civilian land
Demonstrations	3	—	3	Incl. for denying farmers access to land
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	162	7	169	

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 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 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. Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Eizariya and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ar Ram until 01:45. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested unknown civilian in the town of Al Eizariya. Demonstrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 30 August 2009, a mass demonstration of the inhabitants of Biddu town and the village of Beit Surik, with the participation of international peace activists, took place in front of the entrance to the settlement of Haradar. The demonstration was in protest at
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	<p>denying civilians and farmers access to their land located behind the Wall for the ninth month in a row. Consequently, confrontations took place with the Israeli army.</p> <p>(ii) In the evening on 30 August 2009, a mass demonstration set about with the participation of international peace activists in the neighborhood of Ash Sheikh Jarrah in the city of Jerusalem in protest at Israeli settlement projects and the seizure of the houses belonging to the families of Hannoun and Al Ghawi for the interest of Israeli settlers.</p> <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 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, 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 style="text-align: center;">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 Checkpoint: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 11:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. • 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 style="text-align: center;">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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Silat Adh Dhahr. • Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, fired sound grenades while searching a house and arrested a civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the city of Jenin the civilian Sari Abdulfattah Ahmad Sammour. • 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.

TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • <u>Raid:</u> At 06:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Anabta until 07:00. • <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 the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya. (ii) At 16:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Izbat At Tabib. • <u>Raids:</u> At 21:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Azzun. Again at 07:30, the Israeli army raided the area, searched a number of houses and maintained presence during the preparation of this report. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol 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 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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

	<p>the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.</p> <p>(ii) As of 12:10 on 27 August 2009, the Israeli army continues to close by an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village, opposite Shavi Shomron settlement, after removing the dirt barricade at its entrance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: (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. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Sebastia and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya. • Raid: At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabalan, searched a number of houses and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the town of Qabalan the civilians Muhammad Saleh Yousef Najm and Sa'd Ad Deen Ziyad. • Detentions: At 23:30, the Israeli army at Huwwara checkpoint detained the 2 Civil Police officers Fadi Al Laham and Khaled Hafnawi and released them at 00:15 following DCO intervention.
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. • Raid: At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the towns of Kifl Hares and Deir Istiya and patrolled the area until 02:15. • 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: (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

	<p>civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil, damaged the furniture of 10 houses while searching them and arrested a civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30 on 30 August 2009, the Israeli army arrested during a raid on the village of Az Zubeidat, in addition to what has been mentioned in the previous report, the civilians Ribhi Hasan Ibrahim Zubeidat and Sabah Hasan Ibrahim Zubeidat. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Fasayil the civilian Mousa Atwah Fraij Shalouf.
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 sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash area junction (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:15. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah until 21:00. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:15. • Detention: At 16:30, the Israeli army detained at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint police officer Hamed Shanteer and released him at 17:50 following DCO intervention. • Demonstration: At 11:00, a mass sit in demonstration with the participation of journalists and the media took place in Al Mahd yard in the city of Bethlehem in protest at the Israeli army's confiscation of the transmission equipment of Radio Bethlehem 2000. • 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 the town of Yatta, 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:** At 21:40, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Safa and fired sound grenades and light flares while patrolling the area.
 - (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
 - (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched a number of houses, damaged the furniture of a house as a result of thorough search and arrested 9 civilians, including 3 children.
- **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested in the town of Beit Ummar the following civilians: Hamed Ahmad Hammad Abu Mariya, 17-year-old; Malek Khalil Hasan Ikhilil, 17-year-old; Ahmad Ali Ayyad Awad, 17-year-old; Muntaser Ali Ayad; Ibrahim Ahmad Ikhilil; Imam Dhiyab

	<p>Said Awad; Firas Ibrahim Abu Mariya; Yousef Ahmad Yunis Bahr; and Ahmad Nasri Jamil Abu Mariya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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 the district of Rafah. Israeli navy boats also opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Gaza city beach and Rafah city beach. • Armed Palestinian groups violated the ceasefire by firing 4 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<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. • Palestinian Attack: In the evening on 30 August 2009, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p>GAZA</p>	<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'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for fuel transport. • Attack: At 12:30, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Gaza city beach.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>KHAN YOUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional basis for the entry of a group of pilgrims who performed 'Umra in Makkah. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.

	<p>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the transport of food and humanitarian assistance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 30 August 2009, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line, towards agricultural land and houses belonging to civilians on the edges of Ash Shoka town, located east of Rafah city. (ii) At dawn on 30 August 2009, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Rafah city beach.
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GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prison Sentence:</u> The Israeli military court sentenced political prisoner General Fuad Ash Shobaki to 20 years in prison and 5 years with stay of execution.
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