

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 22 July 2009 – 08:00 23 July 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Attacks | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 in raids and 1 during confrontations |
| Raids | 34 | 2 | 36 | Incl. 7 in Ramallah and 9 in Hebron |
| Air Patrols | — | 2 | 2 | By helicopters and reconnaissance |
| Arrests (per person) | 13 | 1 | 14 | Incl. a child and a Pal. security officer |
| 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 Jerusalem and 3 in Jericho |
| Land Levelling | — | 1 | 1 | Agricultural land in Northern Gaza |
| Wall Construction | 21 | — | 21 | Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya |
| Destruction of Property | — | 1 | 1 | Crops destroyed in Northern Gaza |
| Attacks on Property | 1* | — | 1 | Incl. notices to halt house construction |
| Closure (per District) | 7 | — | 7 | Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron |
| Closure of Main Roads | 47 | — | 47 | Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehem |
| Closure of Crossing Points | — | 4 | 4 | 3 crossing points partially open |
| Attacks on Religious Sites | 2 | — | 2 | A mosque searched in Ramallah |
| Settler Violence | 3 | — | 3 | Incl. Al Aqsa Mosque yards raided |
| Pal. Security Measures | 3 | — | 3 | 3 Israeli settlers handed over, Jericho |
| Demonstrations | 2 | — | 2 | Against the Wall & raids in Ramallah |
| TOTAL | 169 | 14 | 183 | |

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WEST BANK

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| 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"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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). 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. 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. Attack on Property: On 22 July 2009, the Israeli army raided the Al Quds Studies Centre as well as a heritage house in the city of Jerusalem. Settler Violence: On 22 July 2009, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. At the same time, other settlers marched in vigils around Al Aqsa Mosque. Israeli settlers also beat a number of civilians near a girls school in Silwan neighbourhood, leaving 6 civilians with contusions. 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. 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. |
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| | <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>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 Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of At Tayba (on the road connecting the districts of Ramallah and Jericho) and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Arura and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack on Religious Site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 17:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arura. (iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army and patrolled the town of Beit Liqya. (iv) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh as well as the town of Beituniya. The Israeli army also searched a mosque in the city of Ramallah. (v) At 07:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Ein 'Arik. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mustafa Ali Hamed in the town of Silwad. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, 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 a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 00:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Israeli frequent overnight raids and arrest, which intend to prevent the village residents from organising demonstrations against Wall construction. Consequently, the Israeli army obstructed protestors and fired flares over the village. • 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. |

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| JENIN | <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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Silat adh Dhahr and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al ‘Attara and patrolled the area until 04:30. • Arrest: On 22 July 2009, the Israeli army arrested Omar Abdullah Ala’, a resident of the village of Jaba’, while he was visiting his brother in an Israeli prison. • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 town of Tubas. |
| TULKAREM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Attil. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army took photographs of the town’s Palestinian Police station as well as 2 mosques. • 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 agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Raids/Attack on Religious Site/Attack: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Sanniriya and searched the village’s mosque. (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Arab ar Ramadin. (iii) At 21:05, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and fired flares while patrolling these areas. (iv) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Ras Tira, searched 4 houses, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:25, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the Green Line north of the city of Qalqiliya arrested Anwar ‘Atiyyeh Mohammed ‘Uweisi. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Firas Sameeh Shawahneh in the village of Ras ‘Atiya. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 detector. • Wall Construction: 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. |
| NABLUS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; and the main road and eastern entrance to entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Till and Madama; 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. • Checkpoints: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Sabastiya and Nisf Jubeil and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 22 July 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Einabus and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus. At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 04:30. (iii) At 17:40, and again at 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 22 July 2009, the Israeli army arrested Nael Ghazi Yadak, a resident of the village of Qusin while he was working in an Israeli settlement. |

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| | <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hafeth Mahmoud Hamad in the village of 'Einabus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks on Property: On 21 July 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for cessation of the construction of 13 houses in the area of Ad Dahiyat in the city of Nablus. The Israeli authorities claimed that these houses were being built without the required construction licences and were in close proximity to the settlement of Bracha south of the city of Nablus. |
| SALFIT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. • Flying checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Za'tara and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00. • 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 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: <ol 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 Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. At 23:15, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and arrested a Palestinian Civil Defence officer. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Jericho and ‘Ein as Sultan refugee camp. the Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in the refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested Yihya Taleb Nazzal, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mousa Hussein Washah in ‘Ein as Sultan refugee camp in the city of Jericho. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 18:30, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 3 Israeli settlers after they had mistakenly entered the city of Jericho. |
| BETHLEHEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:50. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem, Ad Duheisha refugee camp, and the town of Al Khadr. • <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. |
| HEBRON | <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) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) 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.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (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.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 11:30, and again at 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
 - (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura and Al Fawwar refugee camp.
 - (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ash Shuyukh.
 - (iv) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child.
 - (v) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.
 - (vi) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Tarqumiya:
 - (i) Suleiman Mohammed Suleiman Ja'afreh, 17 years old;
 - (ii) Hasan Mahmoud al Muraqtan; and
 - (iii) Husni Omar al Muraqtan.
 - (iv) The Israeli army arrested Anas Ahmed Mahmoud Husniyyeh in Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
 - (v) The Israeli army arrested Saddam Ali 'Awadh in the town of Beit Ummar.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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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| <p>ALL DISTRICTS</p> | <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. • Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire in the districts of Northern Gaza and Khan Yunis. |
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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. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: At 15:00, the Israeli army, including a number of armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft and combat helicopters, raided 1 kilometre into Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire and levelled agricultural land. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. • Arrest: On 22 July 2009, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing arrested Mahmoud Kamel as Sirsik, a footballer in the Palestinian National Football Team, while he was leaving the Gaza Strip to the city of Nablus in the West Bank. |
| <p>GAZA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. |
| <p>CENTRAL GAZA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported. |
| <p>KHAN YUNIS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Attack: In the morning of 22 July 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of the town of Khuza’a and opened intensive fire towards civilians while they were working in their farmland. |

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| 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. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. |
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| POLITICAL PRISONERS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Appeal:</u> The Palestinian Prisoners’ Club appealed to human rights organisations to exercise pressure on the Israeli authorities to put an end to the solitary confinement of Maryam at Tarabin, a female political prisoner from the city of Jericho. Serving a sentence of 8 years, Maryam has been held in solitary confinement cells in HaSharon Prison for 4 years and subjected to recurrent abuse. Among other restrictions, she is prohibited from buying goods from the Prison’s Canteen. • <u>Campaign:</u> The Palestinian Prisoners’ Club launched a campaign to release Akram Abdul ‘Aziz Mansour, a political prisoner from the city of Qalqiliya. Sentenced for life imprisonment in An Naqab (Ketziot) Detention Camp, Mansour has completed 30 years of age in prison. He suffers from several illnesses, including blood allergy and loss of the hearing sense in his left ear. Although his health condition is deteriorating, the Israeli Prisons Administration has refused to release him. |
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