مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 29 July 2011 – 08:00 30 July 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Incl. a journalist severely beaten
Attacks	6	_	6	During confrontations with civilians
Raids	17		17	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 5 in Hebron
Arrests (per Person)	3		3	Incl. a security officer in Ramallah
Detentions	13		13	Incl. 3 international peace activists
Wall Construction	15		15	Incl. Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	A journalist's camera and olive trees
Home Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	20		20	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	9	_	9	Incl. Jerusalem & a village in Ramallah
Closure of Main Roads	46	_	46	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	3	_	3	2 civilians beaten and farmland burnt
Demonstrations	5		5	Incl. against closing village's entrance
TOTAL	151	6	157	

DISTRICT

EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) On 29 July 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from other districts from accessing the mosque and performing Friday prayers.
- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

• 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) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.

• <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.

- Physical Assault: At 20:15, Israeli troops severely beat Fadi Mohammed Hamdan, a resident of Tulkarem district, near the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem city, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Hamdan was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Ibrahim Mohammed Shawamreh near Ar Ram town. As a result, Shawamreh was admitted to hospital for medical treatment of contusions sustained.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the areas north and south of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

JERUSALEM

• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to Yabrud town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 22:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to 'Atara town, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

• Raids:

- (i) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided Kharbatha al Misbah village. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Arura town and Deir as Sudan village.

• <u>Demonstrations/Raid/Attacks/Home Occupation/Detentions</u>:

- (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (ii) At 13:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army wounded a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (iii) At 13:40, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for the expansion of Halamish settlement. Having declared it a closed military zone, the Israeli army raided the village, set up three checkpoints at its entrances, and searched civilians and vehicles. After detaining residents in a single room, the Israeli army occupied the roof of a civilian home and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades, leaving a number of participants with wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. Israeli troops also severely Muheeb Mohammed al Barghouthi, a journalist, and damaged his camera while he was covering the demonstration. In addition to detaining three international peace activists, Israeli troops arrested two civilians and a Palestinian security officer.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested two civilians and a Palestinian security officers in An Nabi Salih village:
- (i) Ra'fat Wajih at Tamimi, a Palestinian National Security officer;
- (ii) Iyad Abdul Karim at Tamimi; and
- (iii) Malek Talal Abdul Qader at Tamimi.

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH

	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kufeirit village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 03:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jenin city. 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 Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: At 18:35, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Wall Construction: Land levelling for adjustment of the Wall route continues in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route will be constructed west of the village.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. In addition to closing the iron gate installed since the outbreak the second <i>Intifada</i>, the Israeli army has continued to close since 03:10 on 01 July 2011 the eastern entrance to Kafr Qaddum village with dirt barricades. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Detention: At 18:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided An Nabi Elyas village, detained Raed Zaki Mohammed, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, and released him at 04:00 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 11:20, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Mustafa Abdul Qader Yamin while he was working on his land near Jit village. As a result, Yamin sustained contusions.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Kafr Qaddum village in protest against the continued closure of the village's eastern entrance as well as against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land. Meanwhile, Israeli troops intercepted the demonstration and prevented protestors from accessing the closed gate. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants, including children, sustained injuries due to tear gas inhalation.

• 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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north
 of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel
 settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

• 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 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan 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 Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (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 vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.

NABLUS

Flying Checkpoints: At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction (i) to Yatma village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 17:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction (ii) to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 20:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Burin village. (i) At 00:55, the Israeli army raided Salem village, searched a home, (ii) and served summonses on three civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency: Jihad Fawwaz Ahmed Salameh; Ivad Fawwaz Ahmed Salameh: and (ii) Bahjat Fawwaz Ahmed Salameh. (iii) (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Beita town, searched a home, and served a summons on Samer Ahmed 'Isa to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 01:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nablus city. (iv) Settler Violence: At 15:50, a group of Israeli settlers from Bracha settlement set fire to civilian farmland, causing damage to a number of olive trees. Palestinian Civil Defence teams put off the fire. Additionally, the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades on civilians because they attempted to confront settlers. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Brugin town. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to (ii) two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The **SALFIT** entrance had been closed for seven years. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Flying Checkpoint: At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Marda village. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiva town southeast of Emmanuel settlement. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. **Checkpoints: JERICHO** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra (i) checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.

	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoints: At 19:10, and again at 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. • Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the southeastern area of the village.
BETHLEHEM	 (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmed road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. • Demonstration/Physical Assault: At 13:30, a mass demonstration,
	 including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. The Israeli army intercepted the demonstration and prevented participants from accessing civilian land under the threat of confiscation for Wall construction. Israeli troops also severely beat Ali Mohammed Ahmed Bureijiyyeh, leaving him with contusions. As a result, Bureijiyyeh was transported to hospital for medical treatment. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.
	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages. 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 all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades a detour road leading to the entrance to As Simiya village.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Sussia settlement east of Yatta town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to As Samoa' town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Wadi Qabbun area north of Hebron city and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tarqumiya town and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids:

- (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Adh Dhahiriya
- (ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town.
- (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit 'Amra village.
- (iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
- (v) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided Idhna town and searched a civilian home
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.

NORTHERN GAZA

• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through *Al Karama* (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.

GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. 		
CENTRAL GAZA	Incidents not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	Incidents not reported.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was closed. 		