مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 30 July 2011 - 08:00 31 July 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	4 civilians severely beaten in Jerusalem
Injury	_	1	1	A farmer in Northern Gaza
Attacks	3	1	4	3 in confrontations & 1 from mil. post
Raids	22	_	22	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 6 in Jenin
Arrests (per Person)	4	_	4	Incl. 2 children in Jerusalem
Detentions	12	_	12	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Destruction of Property	4	_	4	Vehicle windshields and a cave damaged
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	_	18	Incl. 6 in Nablus and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	9	_	9	Incl. Jerusalem & a village in Nablus
Closure of Main Roads	46	_	46	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Rafah Crossing open to civilians
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. Int'l peace activists assaulted
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Incl. against settlements and land grab
TOTAL	134	8	142	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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.

• Attack/Physical Assaults/Destruction of Property: In the evening of 30 July 2011, and while searching civilian homes in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. A number of civilians sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. Israeli troops also severely beat four civilians, leaving them with contusions. In addition to breaking windshields of civilian vehicles, Israeli troops arrested three civilians, including two children.

- <u>Arrests</u>: Israeli troops arrested three civilians in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, including:
- (i) Mousa Badran;
- (ii) Mazen 'Odeh.

• 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 was suspended for the weekend 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

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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. Raids: At 08:40, the Israeli army raided Kharbatha al Misbah village. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli and civilians. The Israeli army also set up checkpoints at the village's entrances, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 14:00. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided Beituniya town and searched a civilian home. At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kobar village. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 22:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Arabbuna and Faqqu'a villages and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 08:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Deir Abu Da'if village. At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Faqqu'a village. At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Al 'Araqa, Al Hashimiya, Kufeirit, and Zabda. 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: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Raids: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Anabta town. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bal'a town.

	 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 was suspended for the weekend 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 Intifada, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to Kafr Qaddum village. Raid: At 19:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. 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 was suspended for the weekend 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.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Salem village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:45.
- (iii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Iraq Burin village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 04:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qaliqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nablus city.
- (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Till village.
- (iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided Talluza village and searched a number of civilian homes.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 17:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in 'Iraq Burin village in protest against the confiscation of civilian land for construction of Israeli settlement projects. Having declared the area a closed military zone, the Israeli army set up checkpoints at the village's entrances and denied access to civilians other than residents of the village. Meantime, confrontations took place between the Israeli and protestors, during which a number of participants were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.

• 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 Bruqin town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to 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 entrance had been closed for seven years.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

• Raids:

- (i) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided Az Zawiya town and searched a building under construction.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Biddya town, raided a home, and served a summons on Hussein Ibrahim ad Dalu to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.

SALFIT

JERICHO	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra 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. 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 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city. At 06:30, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Husan village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 14:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Ubeidiya town. At 15:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Khadr town. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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:

- (i) 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.
- (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 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 13:10, and again at 23:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Sinjir area between Hebron city and Dura town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Yatta and As Samoa' towns and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town.
- (ii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided Ash Shuyukh town and destroyed (using explosives) a cave in Qaffan Khamis area. The Israeli army also arrested a civilian.
- (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Hebron city, searched two homes, and served a summons on Thiyab Is'haq az Zaghayyer to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 'Ahed Hussein 'Ayaydeh in Ash Shuyukh town.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 19:00, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat two civilians while they were tending sheep near At Tuwani village east of Yatta town. Settlers also assaulted a number of international peace activists and destroyed their cameras. The Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area at a later time.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 15:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place on civilian farmland near Karmei Tzur settlement in Beit Ummar town in protest against Israeli settler violence. Protestors demanded that Palestinian farmers be allowed to access and tend their land. Meantime, Israeli troops intercepted the demonstration and prevented participants from accessing the affected area.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on Northern Gaza, injuring a Palestinian farmer.

NORTHERN GAZA

- Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was closed.
- <u>Attack/Injury</u>: At noon on 30 July 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on a number of Palestinian farmers north of Beit Lahiya town, injuring a farmer.

GAZA

• Closure of Crossing Points:

- (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
- (ii) 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

• <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>:

- (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.
- (ii) Rafah (*Al 'Awdah*) Crossing was open to civilians departing the Gaza Strip and to others arriving from Egypt.
- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was closed.