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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 05 September 2004 – 08:00 06 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	1	_	1	1 school guard beaten
Injuries	2	1	3	Incl. 1 child & 1 mentally disabled
Attacks	4	7	11	2 during raids, 7 from mil. posts
Raids	27	2	29	Incl. continued presence in Nablus
Arrests (per person)	36	_	36	Incl. 3 female civs. & 27 workers
Detentions	4	1	5	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolitions	2	_	2	In Beita and Ad Duheisha RC
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Incl. artesian & water wells, crops
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	Hundreds of dunums in Tubas
Confiscation of Property	3	_	3	1 taxi, water pump, and generator
Land Levelling	1	2	3	In Marda and Beit Hanun
Wall Construction	16	_	16	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
House Occupations	6	_	6	5 in Balata RC and 1 in Nablus
Curfews	2		2	In Silat Adh Dhahr and Silwad
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)		Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Hebron closed military zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)		Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	2 partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	Raid on 1 mosque in Hebron
School Disruption	2	_	2	6 schools and raid on 1 girls school
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	1	1	Open fire on Pal. security location
Palestinian Attacks		4	4	1 Qassam mortar and 4 mortars
TOTAL	111	22	133	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues along the main road between Qalandiya checkpoint and Ar Ram, the area of Al Aqbat, north of the village of 'Anata, in the area between the villages of Jaba' and Hizma, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram, set up several checkpoints, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 27 workers inside the city of Jerusalem and the Green Line.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raids/Curfew: At 09:50, the Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana, searched several houses, arrested 4 civilians, including 2 female civilians, and withdrew at 22:00. At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, imposed curfew, and searched several houses. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana: Mas'adah Al Asmar, a female civilian;

	(ii) Rahmah Hussein, a female civilian;
	(iii) Murad Sharif Radhi; and
	(iv) Falah Abed Al Barghouthi.
JENIN	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Raid/Curfew/School Disruption: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr, imposed curfew, searched several houses, and arrested 1 civilian. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. Classes were disrupted in 6 schools serving 2,223 students as a result of the curfew. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ghassan Ratib Mis'ad in the town of Silat Adh Dhahr. Land Confiscation: The Israeli army confiscated hundreds of dunums in the village of Al Malih east of the town of Tubas and surrounded the land with barbed wire for the purpose of expanding the settlement of Rotem. Destruction of Property/Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army destroyed several artesian wells in the area of Al Hafira which supply the city of Jenin with potable water. The Israeli army destroyed 2 water wells used for irrigating crops in the village of Mirka and confiscated 1 water pump and 1 electricity generator.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Flying Checkpoints: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	the village of Izbat Jubara, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and arrested 1 civilian.

 the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. Raids: At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and patrolled the area at various times until 04:00. At 23:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Baqa Ash Sharqiya and patrolled the area. At 00:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta, opened fire, fired sound bombs indiscriminately, and patrolled the area. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Tahir Mohammed Tahir in the village of Izbat Jubara.
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 Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Raids: Beginning at 18:20 on 4 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, continues to occupy 5 civilian buildings overlooking Balata refugee camp, which it converted into military posts, and withdrew at 13:00. At 22:25, the Israeli army raided the city and camp again and occupied the same buildings, in addition to 1 building in the centre of the city of Nablus. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. At 02:00 on 5 September 2004, the Israeli army raided the village of Beita, searched several houses, demolished 1 house, and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian. At 12:25, the Israeli army raided the village of As Sawiya and raided As Sawiya Secondary Girls School during official school hours, resulting in a state of fear and panic among teachers and students. Arrest: At 11:00, the Israeli army arrested Ali Tayyib Faraj at Huwwara

	House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the village of Beita belonging to Mustafa Al 'Armit.
SALFIT	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Raids/Land Levelling: At 22:50, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the village of Marda, opened indiscriminate fire, searched 1 house, and detained 1 civilian until 01:00. The Israeli army also levelled agricultural land west of the village and withdrew at 01:15. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bruqin. At 01:25, the Israeli army raided the villages of 'Ammuriya and Khirbet Qeis, searched several houses in Khirbet Qeis, and withdrew at 03:50.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. Arrest: At 21:30 on 4 September 2004, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed Tawwam, a taxi driver, at Al Hamra junction checkpoint and confiscated his vehicle.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), along road # 60 towards the village of Husan, in Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja. Raids: At 10:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Deir Salah, detained a number of workers for an extended period of time, and

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	prevented them from reaching their workplaces. (ii) At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, raided Iskandar Khouri Secondary School, and severely beat its school guard. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp and, for the 2 nd consecutive time, used explosives to demolish the interior of 1 house belonging to the family of a political prisoner. (v) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided Al 'Aza refugee camp and took position in the camp until 03:00. • House Demolition: For the 2 nd consecutive time, the Israeli army demolished the interior of 1 house in Ad Duheisha refugee camp belonging to the family of political prisoner Yousef Ahmed Al Mughrabi.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone. Wall Construction: On 5 September 2004, the Israeli army began land levelling for construction of the Wall in the area of Wadi Kharrash along the Green Line west of the town of Beit 'Awwa, measuring 5 km. in length from the village of Khirbet Ba'er, north of the town of Beit 'Awwa, and stretching towards the village of Khirbet Um Al 'Aqaf, south of the village of As Sikka. Raid: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, took position in several neighbourhoods, and patrolled the area at various times. The Israeli army also detained 30 civilians, raided Al Wala' Mosque, and searched several houses after detaining their residents. Arrest: At 13:30, the Israeli army arrested Bisan Jawad Mohammed, a female civilian, in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. Raid/Land Levelling: At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 10 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled land. Palestinian Attack: At 10:05, 1 Qassam mortar was fire towards the Green Line.
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GAZA CITY	 <u>Closure</u>: Nitsareem junction remains closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 20:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Shiekh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city. 		
CENTRAL GAZA	 Raid/Land Levelling: At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 meters into Palestinian territory east of the settlement of Kfar Darom southeast of the city of Deir Al Balah and levelled land. Palestinian Attack: At 01:30, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem. 		
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open to pedestrians only. Abu Holi road is partially open. At 14:45, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. The road was reopened at 15:25. Attacks: At 14:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 12 towards the area of Al Maqabir in An Namsawi neighbourhood. At 21:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 3 tank shells from its location at At Tuffah checkpoint and Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. Palestinian Attack: At 14:50, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlements of Gadid and Neve Dekalim. 		
RAFAH	 Closure: Gaza International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open only to civilians under 16 and above 35 years old. Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. Attack: At 08:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Tall As Sultan checkpoint towards civilian houses in Tall As Sultan in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 1 mentally challenged civilian. 		

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 Political Prisoners' Health Conditions: After visiting political prisoners in Ketziot, Binyamin, Kedumim, and Etzion Military Prisons, several attorneys confirmed that prisoners have been suffering from deteriorating health conditions and torture during interrogation. Political prisoners, including Yousef Salim Salih and Ilam Bashir Badra, who are in need of surgery due to bullet wounds, have also complained of intentional medical neglect by the Israeli authorities. Measures against Prisoners: The administration of Ar Ramleh Women's Prison, where 52 female political prisoners are being held, confiscated toys belonging to Mirvat Taha's baby, who was born in the prison. The Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) stated that it holds the Israeli government responsible for the safety of political prisoner and PLC member Marwan Al Barghouthi, whose health is deteriorating, following a court ruling to extend the duration of his solitary confinement for an additional year.
WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 4,639 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. The Israeli authorities continue to refuse work permits for workers in the district of Jericho to cross the Green Line. The Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. Gaza Strip: The Israeli authorities renewed 1,267 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, beginning on 31 August 2004, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zones. The Israeli authorities renewed 5,083 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, beginning on 1 September 2004, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line. The Israeli authorities permitted 2,609 construction workers, including 2,000 workers currently working inside the Green Line, to remain overnight inside the Green Line.