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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 09 September 2005 – 08:00 10 September 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 civilian sustained contusions
Injuries	4	1	5	Incl. 1 mentally challenged child
Attacks	6	8	14	Incl. 3 during raids & 10 from posts
Raids	22	1	23	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 6 in Tulkarem
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	10	2	12	Incl. 1 female civilian & 1 Pal. officer
Detentions	18	_	18	Incl. international peace activists
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Windshield of 1 press vehicle broken
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	Access restricted to permit holders
Flying Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. in 1 Jerusalem & 4 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	*	(9)	_	*Incl. vicinity of settlements in Jenin
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. Um ar Rihan Wall gate closed
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	All closed, incl. Rafah Crossing
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	1 mosque raided in Khirbet al Birah
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Civilians forced to exit their land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	2	4	Incl. taking position near Police HQ
Palestinian Attacks	3		3	Incl. open fire towards 1 checkpoint
Demonstration	1		1	In Bil'in against Wall construction
TOTAL	98	20	118	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

	 Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, preventing civilians from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in
JERUSALEM	Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrests: At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians from the town of Bir Zeit during their presence in the city of Jerusalem and took them to Al Muscobiya (the 'Russian Compound') Interrogation Centre: (i) Arafat Tayseer Abu 'Awwad; (ii) Mu'taz Abdul Raheem Wash'ha; and (iii) Mohamed Marwan al Ash'al.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army closed the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir along the settler bypass road with barbed wire. Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Ni'lin and impeded civilian access, ostensibly to conduct thorough searches. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, and in the town of Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ras Karkar, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana until 16:00.
- (ii) At 14:35, and again at 00:55, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and took position near the Palestinian Police Headquarters. At 02:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 19:55, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Demonstration/Destruction</u> of <u>Property/Detention</u>: At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilian protestors. In addition, a number of protestors, including children, also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also broke the windshield of 1 press vehicle affiliated with the Egyptian TV, detained a number of protestors, including international peace activists, and arrested 2 civilians.

• <u>Arrests</u>:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Khaled Fat'hi Matariyyeh in the city of El Bireh.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Bil'in:

- (ii) Khaled Mustafa Bunat; and
- (iii) Abdullah Abu Rahmeh.

• Closure of Settlement Evacuation Areas:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Israeli settlements that were evacuated in the district of Jenin, instead designating alternate roads, including detour routes, connecting towns and villages to the city of Jenin for civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of 'Arraba with cement blocks.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up in the vicinity of the village of Imreiha south of the town of Ya'bad, along the road connecting the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem, and to deny civilian access in both directions.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close Al Jalama Commercial Crossing, preventing civilians from crossing. Alternatively, the Israeli army has opened Salim Crossing 3 days a week from 09:00 until 13:00.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian movement (except for humanitarian cases) through Um ar Rihan (Shaked) gate to 3 hours daily from 07:00–08:00, 12:00–13:00, and 14:00–15:00.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.

JENIN

• <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Jenin and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city. The Israeli army also closed the 2 entrances with dirt barricades and withdrew from the area at 04:00.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of 'Aqqaba, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Jamal Mohammed Abu 'Arrah, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in the village of 'Aqqaba.
- Palestinian Attacks: At 22:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the village of Ash Shuhada' at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin. Israeli troops responded by opening intensive fire and raiding the town of Qabatiya. An armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of Qaffin with cement blocks and barbed wire.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the village of Shufa with cement blocks and dirt barricades.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Atara with dirt barricades.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close Al Kafriyat road at Jubara checkpoint, rerouting Palestinian civilian traffic to a new 3-km-long tunnel connecting the districts of Qalqiliya and Tulkarem.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Illar and Kafr Ra'i and searched civilians and vehicles
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Zeita, searched civilian vehicles, and detained dozens of civilians.

TULKAREM

Raids: At 08:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a. (i) At 08:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Irtah in the city (ii) of Tulkarem. At 17:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (iii) town of 'Illar. At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Seida. (iv) At 19:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of (v) Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Tulkarem refugee camp, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta and opened (vi) indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area. **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. **Flying Checkpoints: QALQILIYA** At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area (i) between the towns of 'Azzun and Jayyus and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern (ii) entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (iii) Habla tunnel, the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched civilians and vehicles travelling in both directions. Raid: At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, set up a checkpoint at its northern entrance, and patrolled the area. Closure: The Israeli army closed civilian land belonging to the village of Khirbet Tana southeast of the city of Nablus, declared it a closed military zone, and prevented civilians from accessing their land. **Closure of Main Roads: NABLUS** The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district (i) of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of (ii) Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.

	 Checkpoint: At 07:20, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions, claiming to be investigating a suspicious object. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time. Flying Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Badhan and searched civilians and vehicles. Attack: At 02:10, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian houses in the village of Kafr Qalil. Palestinian Attack: At 21:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli settler vehicles passing by the junction to the settlement of Bracha. Consequently, the Israeli army combed the vicinity of the junction to the settlement.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the main northwestern entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the villages of Marda and Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. Flving Checkpoint/Air Patrol: At 10:45, Israeli troops dispatched by an Israeli army helicopter set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Farkha and Qarawat Bani Zeit and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:20. Settler Violence: At 18:45, a group of 3 armed Israeli settlers assaulted a number of civilians while they were on their land in Wadi Qana near the town of Deir Istiya and forced them to leave the area at gunpoint. Upon the request of the Palestinian DCO, the Israeli army provided protection for civilians and evacuated both the Israeli settlers and civilians from the area.
JERICHO	 Closure: The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to prevent farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their agricultural land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for holders of Jerusalem and Jericho ID cards. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint, connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, and to impede civilian access.

BETHLEHEM	 Flying Checkpoints: At 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man, in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers civilians' residence in the village illegal. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. Raid: At 18:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah and patrolled the area.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying access to civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shallala old and new streets in the H1 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks located 300 meters inside the H1 section. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack on Religious Site: At 08:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in Dahiyat az Zaytun, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and took position in front of 1 Palestinian National Security location. At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, searched 2 houses, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 female civilian who works in a kindergarten. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet al Birsh, raided
	 (iii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet el Birah, raided the village's mosque, and forced the muezzin in the mosque to climb a ladder in order to bring down a Palestinian flag hoisted on the mosque's roof. While the muezzin was climbing the ladder, however, Israeli troops pulled it down. The muezzin fell down and sustained contusions. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.

• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron:
(i) Raja' Mohammed al Hajj, a female civilian; and
(ii) Bilal an Natsheh.
(iii) The Israeli army arrested Ayman Salameh ad Darabi' in the town of
Dura.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	• Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.
GAZA	 Closure of Main Roads: (i) Ash Shuhada' – Netzarim Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction - Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed. Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attack: At 11:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the evacuated settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Deir al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure of Main Roads: Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed. Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. Abu Holi road is closed. Attacks: At 20:25, an Israeli army tank positioned along Salah ad Din road south of Al Matahin checkpoint opened fire towards civilians and vehicles waiting at a Palestinian National Security checkpoint along Salah ad Din road opposite the Israeli army checkpoint, critically injuring Hani 'Odeh Abu Sawawin, a 16-year-old mentally challenged child, in the chest. An Israeli army helicopter transported Abu Sawawin to a hospital inside the Green Line. At 23:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 6 towards Palestinian territory in the area of As Satr al Gharbi in the city of Khan Yunis. At 23:15, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 6 and 10.5 towards Palestinian territory in the area of As Satr al Gharbi and West Khan Yunis refugee camp.

	 Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 10:00, an Israeli army armoured vehicle raided 350 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 174 on the Green Line east of the village of 'Abasan al Kabira and took position 50 meters away from 1 Palestinian National Security location. Arrests: At 21:10, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians east of Mafutha checkpoint: (i) Ibrahim Abu Sawawin; and (ii) 'Adnan Abu Sawawin.
RAFAH	 Closure of Main Road: Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed. Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Attacks: At 08:45, and again at 22:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards Palestinian territory in Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. At 16:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the evacuated settlement of Morag towards Palestinian territory north of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL