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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 11 September 2004 – 08:00 12 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	During raid on N. Gaza on 9 Aug.
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Several civilians severely beaten
Injury	1	—	1	1 child in Hebron
Attacks	8	5	13	4 during raids, 7 from mil. posts
Raids	18	4	22	Incl. cont. presence in Kafr Ad Dik
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Helicopters over Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	5	—	5	Incl. 1 officer
Detentions	6	—	6	Incl. in residential compounds
Destruction of Property	—	4	4	Incl. 1 Pal. National Security office
Land Levelling	—	2	2	In Beit Hanun & south of Sufa
Wall Construction	17	—	17	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	Incl. in the town of Al Khadr
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Hebron city closed military zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	2 partially open
School Disruptions	3	—	3	Denying students/teachers access
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	3	3	Incl. destroying 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	1 Qassam mortar, several mortars
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Ramallah for political prisoners
TOTAL	63	25	88	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Beginning on 11 September 2004 until the end of the Jewish holidays celebrating the Hebrew New Year, the Israeli army intensified the closure between the West Bank and the Green Line.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was resumed 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. (ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • Physical Assault: At 13:30, the Israeli army severely beat and injured Sameeh Rahhal in the city of Jerusalem, after which he was admitted to Beit Jala Hospital.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. (ii) Israeli authorities decided to change the route of the Wall in the village of Rantis. • Flying Checkpoint: At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Jerusalem road in the neighbourhood of Samir Amis and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Rantis, arrested 1 university student, set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village, searched civilians, and detained 1 civilian for an extended period of time before releasing him.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Isma'il Ibrahim Ballout in the village of Rantis. • Demonstration: At 13:45, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along the main roads connecting the city of Jenin and the surrounding towns, prevented civilians from crossing the checkpoints, thereby forcing civilians to take rough alternative roads to reach their homes and workplaces. The Israeli army also obstructed students and teachers from reaching their schools on time.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Tulkarem and obstructed students from reaching their schools and civilians from reaching their workplaces. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:10, and again at 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also searched 1 house.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and took position at its northern entrance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 07:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Habla and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Laqif, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Raids/School Disruption:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Qusin, opened indiscriminate fire, raided and closed the village school, and confiscated its door keys. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Till and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Haytham Abdullah Silwadi in the village of Till.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until 02:30. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ad Dik and took position inside the village. The Israeli army remains positioned in the village as of 08:00 this morning.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. The Israeli army also prevented truck drivers holding Palestinian Authority-issued IDs from entering the city, while allowing trucks to either unload or have their drivers replaced.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) 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. (ii) 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall was resumed 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. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> (i) At 14:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. (ii) At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and patrolled the area. (iii) At 21:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, opened indiscriminate fire, and imposed curfew. (iv) At 03:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, and patrolled the area. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Husan, searched several houses after detaining their residents, and severely beat a number of civilians. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Rami Al Azraq, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in the city of Beit Jala.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages,

	<p>and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for wall construction was resumed west of the towns of Idhna and Beit ‘Awwa in the area between the villages of Khirbet Ba’er, north of the town of Beit ‘Awwa, and Khirbet Um Al ‘Aqaf, south of the village of As Sikka. • Raid: At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 child, searched several houses, and arrested 2 civilians. The Israeli army also set up checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, searched civilian vehicles, and detained several civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Samer Ar Ruweished; and (ii) Hani Ar Ruweished. • Detention: The Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians at several checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Hebron and opened indiscriminate fire, preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. • Attack: At 10:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 45 on the Green Line towards 1 Palestinian National Security location east of the town of Beit Hanun. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 10:25, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled agricultural land. • Killing: In addition to those reported on 10 September 2004, the Israeli army killed Mohammed ‘Izz Ad Din Abu Al ‘Itham on 9 September 2004 during an Israeli army raid on areas in the district of Northern Gaza. It was also found that 2 children were among the killed civilians reported earlier. • Injuries: It was also found that 29 children (many in critical condition) were among the 41 injuries caused by the Israeli army during the raid on areas in the district of Northern Gaza (reported yesterday). • Destruction of Property: At 11:30 on 10 September 2004, the Israeli army demolished a building housing the Vocational Training Centre of the Ministry of Social Affairs and 1 Palestinian National Security office near the Ministry of Education District Education Office in Northern Gaza.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem towards Palestinian territory. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army fired 5 tank shells towards civilian houses in Az Zaytun neighbourhood south of Gaza city.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Land Levelling:</u> (i) At 16:05, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory south of the city of Deir Al Balah and levelled land. (ii) At 17:45, an Israeli army infantry force raided the area of Al Mughraqa and searched 1 house.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) Abu al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. • <u>Attack:</u> At 05:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 05:00, several mortars and 1 Qassam mortar were fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to travellers, except for male civilians between the ages of 16 and 35. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • <u>Attack:</u> At 04:00, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location on the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 11:45, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided 300 meters into Palestinian territory south of Sufa Crossing, northeast of the city of Rafah, ordered Palestinian National Security officers to evacuate their location, and levelled agricultural land.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS	<p><u>Israeli Measures against Political Prisoners:</u> The Israeli army constructed 8-meter high concrete walls between the different sections and wards in Ketzion Military Prison Camp. Political prisoners declared a hunger strike on 12 September 2004 in protest against the construction of the walls.</p>
ISRAELI INCITEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Incitement by Israeli Officials:</u> (i) Website: www.arabynet.com, 6 September 2004 Israeli Minister of Defence, Sha'ul Mufaz, said, in a statement reported in the aforementioned website, that Israel will find the proper time and method to deport Palestinian National Authority President Yasser Arafat from the West Bank.

	<p>On 3 September, the Israeli Cabinet for Political and Security Affairs took a preliminary decision to expel President Yasser Arafat, for allegedly constituting an obstacle to any settlement or peace process between Israel and the Palestinians. As such, Israel will remove that obstacle in time, using any method it sees fit.</p> <p>(ii) Website: www.arabynet.com, 7 September 2004 Israeli headmasters of religious schools and a group of rabbis, including Dov Li'ur, Chairman of the Committee of Settlements' Rabbis, called for the consideration of Palestinian civilians as "armed." Headmasters and Rabbis said that "...those who call for adopting the Christian saying "turn your other cheek" will not deter us". "The Jewish traditions and International Law support our state, which is being subject to an attack by ferocious animals, damaging children's skulls and distorting men's and women's corpses because they belong to the Israeli people."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Incitement in Israeli Media:</u> <p>(i) Website: www.israelnationalnews.com, 3 September 2004 In an article entitled "European Support of Terrorism," the author attacked EU countries for transferring over USD 4 billion to the Palestinian Authority, which uses such funds to "support terrorism and incitement against Israel." The author also charged the Palestinian Ministry of Education and Higher Education with publishing EU-funded textbooks featuring racial incitement against Israel.</p> <p>(ii) Website: www.herut.org, 4 September 2004 Author Micha'il Klainer called for the necessity to direct a fatal strike against Arabs, similar to that directed against Japan and Germany during World War II or against the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Jordan in 1970. He also asserted that anyone wishing to annihilate the State of Israel will then be sent to hell.</p> <p>(iii) Website: www.Marhigut.org, 4 August 2004 In an article entitled "Two Religions Based on Killing," Israeli author, Ihud Qamin, claimed that Judaism is the correct and good religion among the three monotheistic religions, and that it is the fitting one for guiding humans towards happiness. He added that Islam and Christianity are based on lies and deceit.</p>
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