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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 13 September 2004 – 08:00 14 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	3	—	3	Placing explosives in vehicle
Injuries	17	1	18	Incl. 15 children & 1 elderly civ.
Attacks	7	8	15	4 during raids, 7 from mil. posts
Raids	17	5	22	Incl. continued presence in Dura
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Over Rafah refugee camp
Arrests (per person)	11	4	15	Incl. 4 voter registr. female officers
Detentions	10	—	10	Incl. at checkpoints
House Demolitions	—	2	2	In Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood
Land Levelling	2	1	3	Incl. in Deir Istiya and Al Qarara
Wall Construction	17	—	17	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Destruction of Property	9	—	9	Incl. crops and 28 sheep
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	Over 1,000 <i>dunums</i> in Al Isawiya
Confiscation of Property	2	—	2	Incl. voter registration forms
House Occupations	2	—	2	In the town of Dura
Curfew	1	—	1	In the town of Yatta
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	4	—	4	Incl. in 2 schools
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. opening fire & ruining crops.
Attack on Dip. Mission	—	1	1	Open fire at Danish Emb. vehicle
Attacks on VR Centres	6	—	6	Closure of VR centres in Jerusalem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	1	3	Incl. detaining 15 Pal. officers
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. suicide attack at Habla gate
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against construction of the Wall
TOTAL	118	29	147	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<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

JERUSALEM	<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 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. (ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army confiscated over 1,000 <i>dunums</i> (250 acres) of land in the village of Al 'Isawiya for the expansion of an Israeli army military post near the village. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified female voter registration officers in registration centres in the city of Jerusalem. • Attacks on Voter Registration Centres: The Israeli army closed 6 voter registration centres in the city of Jerusalem, arrested 4 female voter registration officers, detained several others, and confiscated voter registration application forms. • Demonstration: A mass demonstration, including Israeli and international peace activists, took place in the town of Ar Ram in protest against the construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 12 children, some as a result of tear gas inhalation.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, detained 15 Palestinian National Security officers, and withdrew at 19:20. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir and closed its entrances with dirt barricades.
JENIN	<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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army closed the Wall gates to Barta'a and Umm Ar Rihan and prevented civilians from crossing, thereby disrupting schools in both villages. (iii) The Israeli army closed Al Jalama crossing, north of the district of Jenin, and prevented civilian access and goods from being transported. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Assassinations:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army extra-judicially killed 3 civilians and injured 4 bystanders, including 3 children, by planting explosives in a civilian vehicle in the city of Jenin: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohmoud As'ad Abu Khalifah; (ii) Amjad Mohammed Al Husseini; and (iii) Yamin Faisal Abu Al Haija. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 85-year-old 'Izzat Kamil 'Alul. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 female civilian. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ra'i, closed the road leading to the town, and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the town. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Arraba: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muna Hussein Qa'dan, a female civilian; and (ii) Tariq Hussein Qa'dan.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</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 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 Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Tulkarem, thereby obstructing students' and teachers' access to their schools. The Israeli army also closed the junction to the town of Far'un, detained dozens of civilians, and prevented them from entering the city of Tulkarem. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, detained 1 Palestinian Police patrol, and took photographs of the patrol before releasing the Police officers. (ii) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Lid and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. (iii) The Israeli army, including 12 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided Nur Shams refugee camp, opened intensive fire, and searched several houses after forcing their residents to evacuate. The Israeli army remains positioned in the camp as of 08:00 this morning. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Omar Yousef Dreidi in the town of Beit Lid. • Settler Violence: At 07:45 on 13 September 2004, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of 'Einav opened fire towards civilians travelling on foot through the plain of Ramin to reach the city of Tulkarem.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</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. The Israeli army also closed the only eastern entrance to the city and prevented civilians from crossing. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 06:55, the Israeli army closed the iron gate along the old Habla road. The Israeli army also closed the tunnel under the Wall leading to the village of Habla, following the suicide attack carried out near Habla gate.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 12:00. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Chemically-contaminated waste water flowing from the car wash station of the settlement of Karnei Shomron flooded agricultural land in Khalayil Al Abed, in the village of Hajja, damaging olive trees. (ii) A group of Israeli settlers severely beat a number of farmers in the village of Kafr Thulth and damaged agricultural fields. Israeli soldiers opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards Palestinian civilians in order to protect the settlers. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> Yousef Talib Ghbari from the city of Qalqiliya carried out a suicide attack at an Israeli army checkpoint set up near the Wall gate to Habla, south of the city of Qalqiliya, injuring several Israeli soldiers.
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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and detained several others civilians in the sun for an extended period of time. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the city of Nablus and the village of Till and prevented civilians from entering the city. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> The Israeli army levelled agricultural land at the entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched several houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 06:00. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Talluza and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army arrested Sa'id Yasser Hamad at Huwwara checkpoint and confiscated his vehicle. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Husni Al Jabali in the city of Nablus. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mustafa Hassan Shanableh in the village of Talluza.
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. The checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Deir Ballut continues, for the 8th consecutive day, to prevent civilians from entering or exiting the village. Access is only permitted at specific times. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction west of the

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road between the villages of Kafr Ad Dik and Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> At 00:20, the Israeli army levelled land cultivated with olive trees at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya. • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and searched the town of Deir Istiya and its surrounding area. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> On 10 September 2004, an Israeli settler's vehicle ran over 18 sheep on the Trans-Samaria highway near the village of Haris.
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. The Israeli army also prevented 1948 Palestinians (Palestinian Arabs holding Israeli IDs/citizenship), Jerusalem ID holders, and West Bank ID holders from entering the city of Jericho. Entrance was only permitted to Jericho ID holders. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> A group of Israeli settlers posted incitement banners along the main road connecting the northern part of the Jordan Valley to the city of Jericho. The banners included calls for the expansion of settlements, the confiscation of Palestinian land, and the expulsion of Palestinian civilians from their land.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. • <u>Attack:</u> At 05:00, Israeli army troops positioned on road # 60 opened indiscriminate fire.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (ii) At 22:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 23:15. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> On 9 September 2004, the Israeli army uprooted olive trees in the Tuqu' plain along the road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the city of Hebron.
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, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for wall construction continues 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. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, opened indiscriminate fire, imposed curfew, searched several houses, and withdrew at 03:00. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods at various times. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 2 houses after detaining their residents in one room, and arrested 1 teacher from As Siddiq School in the town of Dura. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> The Israeli army uprooted hundreds of olive trees in the town of Beit 'Awwa and the villages of Deir Samit and As Sikka during its levelling of agricultural land for the construction of the Wall in the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Salameh Al Masri in the town of Dura.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Dugit towards civilian houses in the area of Al 'Atatira, north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 8 tanks, raided Palestinian territory and took position near Abu Safiya road east of the town of Jabalya.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Nitsareem junction remains closed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army fired several tank shells from its location in the settlement of Nitsareem towards civilian houses south of Gaza city, injuring 1 female civilian. (ii) At 11:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 20:20, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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>Attacks/Attack on Diplomatic Mission:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on Al Matahin junction towards 1 vehicle belonging to the Danish Embassy. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (iii) At 01:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Morag towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding the settlement. • <u>Raids/Land Levelling:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 meters into Palestinian territory north of Abu Al 'Ajin junction, north of Khan Yunis, closed Abu Al 'Ajin road with dirt barricades, and withdrew at 13:15. (ii) At 17:10, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided 350 meters into Palestinian territory in the area of Al Qarara and levelled agricultural land.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to passengers, except for male civilians between the ages of 16 and 35. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 07:30 on 13 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and continues to carry out house searches. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians and withdrew at 11:00.

	<p>(ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 15 tanks and 3 bulldozers supported by helicopters, raided Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in Bloc O and Yabna neighbourhood, and demolished 2 houses (1 consisting of 3 floors and the other of 2 floors). At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fat'hi Shuman; and (ii) Another house belonging to the family of Al Masri. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified civilians in Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.
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GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-compliance with Prisoners' Demands: Female political prisoners in Ar Ramlah Prison confirmed that Israeli authorities did not honour the agreements reached with the prisoners following the suspension of their hunger strike. The prison administration continues to subject female prisoners to harsh treatment. Israeli prison guards continue to raid prisoners' cells and confiscate their clothes. Separation glass barriers in the visit halls remain, and there are no doctors available at the prison clinic.
<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 6,901 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities continue to refuse work permits for workers in the district of Jericho to cross the Green Line. (iii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • Gaza Strip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 1,267 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, beginning on 31 August 2004, workers have not been allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 5,083 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, beginning on 1 September 2004, workers have not been allowed access into the Green Line. (iii) Israeli authorities renewed 2,687 work permits to cross the Green Line; however, workers were denied access due to the closure imposed on Gaza city.