

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 September 2004 – 08:00 16 September 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	4	—	<b>4</b>	4 in Jenin
Physical Assaults	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. 1 civilian forced to drink urine
Injuries	44	4	<b>48</b>	Incl. 27 children and 10 from UXO
Attacks	4	8	<b>12</b>	2 during raids, 8 from mil. posts
Raids	24	2	<b>26</b>	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Air Patrols	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. helicopters over Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	8	—	<b>8</b>	Incl. 2 female university students
Detentions	5	—	<b>5</b>	Incl. at checkpoints
House Demolition	1	—	<b>1</b>	In the city of Nablus
Land Levelling	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. in Tall As Sultan & Namsawi
Wall Construction	17	—	<b>17</b>	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Destruction of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	Demolishing wall of a monastery
Land Confiscation	1	—	<b>1</b>	In the town of Deir Istiya
House Occupations	9	—	<b>9</b>	Incl. 1 by settlers in Jerusalem
Curfews	2	—	<b>2</b>	In Nablus and Huwwara
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	<b>(All)</b>	Hebron city closed military zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	<b>(Most)</b>	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	<b>4</b>	2 partially open
Medical Obstruction	1	—	<b>1</b>	Impeding ambulances
Attacks on Religious Sites	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. raid on monastery in Nablus
Construction of Mil. Post	—	1	<b>1</b>	1 watchtower in Juhr Ad Dik
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	Raid on 1 house in Jerusalem
Settlement Activity	1	—	<b>1</b>	Expanding the settlement of Rotem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	<b>1</b>	Open fire towards 1 Pal. post
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>154</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Physical Assaults:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:30, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint severely beat Isa Mujahed Ahmed, after which he was admitted to Beit Jala Hospital.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Abu Dis forced 1 civilian to drink his urine, which they had filled in a bottle, after severely beating him. The civilian fell unconscious and was later hospitalised.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> A group of extremist Israeli settlers raided 1 house in the old city of Jerusalem, which is rented by a female civilian since 1985, and occupied it after throwing pieces of furniture outside the house.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) Israeli authorities decided to change the route of the Wall in the village of Rantis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 23:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the settlement of Psagot towards civilian houses in the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian movement for an extended period of time.</li> <li>• <b>Israeli Army UXO:</b> At 18:00, an Israeli army UXO exploded in Al Jalazun refugee camp while children were playing with the object near the camp's school, injuring 10 children, 2 of whom are in critical condition.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Sira, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and severely beat and injured 3 civilians, after which they were hospitalised. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city again and surrounded Al Hashimiya School.</li> <li>(iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and searched several houses.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army raided the village of 'Abud, closed its entrances, and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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 Jenin a closed military zone and closed all roads leading to the city with dirt barricades.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close Al Jalama crossing point, north of the district of Jenin, and prevented civilian access and goods from being transported.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:30, an Israeli army Special Force raided the industrial zone in the city of Jenin, and opened intensive fire towards civilians, assassinating 4 civilians and injuring 4 others. The Israeli army also arrested 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>injured civilians. At 13:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Birqin, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 23:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Killings:</b> The Israeli army killed 4 civilians in the city of Jenin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Fadi Fakhri Zakarneh;</li> <li>(ii) Fawwaz Fakhri Zadarneh;</li> <li>(iii) Ibrahim Abu Salhah; and</li> <li>(iv) Mu'ath Mohammed Iqteit.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 injured civilians in the city of Jenin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Saba'neh; and</li> <li>(ii) Issam Raji Barham.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 09:10, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at all entrances leading to the city of Tulkarem and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city, forcing them to take rough detours.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. At 21:10, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 6 jeeps supported by helicopters, raided the city and camp again and patrolled the area until 04:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> At 10:30, the Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians at Al Kafriyyat checkpoint. The Israeli army allowed civilians to enter the city of Tulkarem, but prevented them from exiting.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 19:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Curfews:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Beginning at 05:15 on 15 September 2004, the Israeli army, supported by helicopters, remains positioned in the city of Nablus, continues to impose curfew on most neighbourhoods, and continues to occupy 4 houses, which it converted into military posts. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 29 civilians, including 13 children. The Israeli army also demolished 1 house by bulldozers, raided Al Mahabbah Nuns Monastery, which belongs to the Catholic community, detained civilians who were present inside, demolished the wall of the monastery, and prevented ambulances from transporting the injured civilians. At 15:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew.</li> <li>(iii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Furik, occupied 2 houses, and converted them into military posts after detaining their residents in 1 room.</li> <li>(iv) At 12:25, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Asira Ash Shamaliya and searched 1 house.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Killing:</b> Correction from yesterday’s report on civilians killed by the Israeli army: the name Majdi Mer’i was mistakenly reported instead of 11-year-old Maram Mufid An Nahleh, whom the Israeli army killed while she was present in her home.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the city of Nablus belonging to the family of Al Kilani.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 19:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 female university students at the village of Beit Iba checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Lina Sidqi Jawabreh; and</li> <li>(ii) ‘Adlah Hassan Jawabreh.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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 to prevent civilians from entering or exiting the village. Access is only permitted at specific times.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Land Confiscation:</u></b> The Israeli army levelled land in the town of Deir Istiya in order to annex it to the settlement of Yakir.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer. At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Sameer Abdul Hadi, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, in the city of Salfit.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERICHO</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settlement Activity:</u></b> On 14 September 2004, the Israeli army began construction works to expand the settlement of Rotem.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:55, an Israeli army Special Force raided the city of Bethlehem and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:20, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 22:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Hassaan Ibrahim Al Wahsh in the city of Bethlehem.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Hassan Salah at a checkpoint set up near the entrance to the town of Al Khadr.
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, occupied 1 house in the neighbourhood of Tall Ar Rumeideh, converted it into a military post, and patrolled several neighbourhoods at various times.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Surif, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Ma'moun Shakir Al Hudush in the town of Surif.</li> <li>• <b>Attack on Religious Sites:</b> The Israeli army closed the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron until the evening of 17 September 2004, allegedly due to the Jewish religious festivals.</li> </ul>

**GAZA STRIP**

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction south of Gaza city.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:05, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem towards Palestinian territory northwest of Ash Shuhada' junction, south of Gaza city.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Construction of Military Post:</b> At 23:00, the Israeli army erected 1 military watchtower in the area of Juhr Ad Dik, near civilian houses that had been demolished earlier opposite the settlement of Nitsareem.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>

<p><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is partially open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 11 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, injuring 1 child.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 2 tank shells from its location at At Tuffah military checkpoint towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. At 14:50, the Israeli army fired 2 more tank shells.</li> <li>(iii) At 15:20, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 3 children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 20:50, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory in the area between the two Points opposite An Namsawi neighbourhood. The Israeli army also levelled land in the area.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to passengers, except for male civilians between the ages of 16 and 35.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Tall As Sultan neighbourhood in the city of Rafah, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, and withdrew at 11:45.</li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<p><b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Construction of New Prison Section:</b> Israeli Prisons Service began constructing a new section, called Al Qal'a (the Castle), in Ketzion Military Prison Camp, with a capacity for 240 prisoners. The new section is surrounded by 9-meter high cement walls and lacks the minimum standards for adequate humanitarian living conditions. 129 political prisoners were transferred from Megiddo and 'Ofer Prisons to this new section.</li> <li>• <b>Consequences of Constructing the New Section:</b> Political prisoners in Ketzion Military Prison Camp declared that they will decline to appear before Israeli military courts, or meet attorneys, in protest against the construction of cement walls separating sections of the prison and its surrounding areas.</li> </ul>
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