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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 September 2004 – 08:00 17 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	1 political prisoner in Megiddo Pr.
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Civilians severely beaten
Injury	—	1	1	In An Namsawi neighbourhood
Attacks	5	2	7	4 during raids, 3 from mil. posts
Raids	19	3	22	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Incl. helicopters over Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	12	—	12	Incl. 2 female civilians & 1 officer
Detentions	5	3	8	Incl. in residential compounds
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In the area of Al Qarara
Wall Construction	17	—	17	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	In the town of Silat Adh Dhahr
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Incl. Jenin closed military zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. Habla tunnel
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	2 partially open
School Disruptions	3	—	3	Incl. 67 schools in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	UXO explosion near 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	2 Qassam mortars and 3 mortars
TOTAL	65	18	83	

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: <ol 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Samwil and detained dozens of civilians for an extended period of time. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Jaba', searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 1 unidentified civilian at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba'.
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. • Wall Construction: <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. • Attack: At 22:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the settlement of Psagot towards civilian houses in the city of El Bireh.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and arrested 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, opened indiscriminate fire, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Sira and searched several houses. (iv) At 23:35, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein. (v) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Jarir and searched several houses. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Raed Al Hawi, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in the city of Ramallah. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Rami Ash Shobaki in the city of El Bireh.
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. The Israeli army declared the city of Jenin a closed military zone and closed all roads leading to the city with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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) 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. • <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>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched several houses. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr, opened indiscriminate fire, and imposed curfew. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 11:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Silat Adh Dhahr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ayman Mahmoud Abu Dayyak; and (ii) Samid Mohammed Abu Ali. (iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army arrested Halah Husni Jabr, a female university student, at a checkpoint set up on the main road between the villages of Sanur and Jaba'.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>School Disruption:</u> Several students and teachers were late for their schools due to the Israeli army's closure of roads leading to the city of Jenin.
TULKAREM	<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> At 07:00, 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, thereby forcing them to take rough detours. • <u>Raid:</u> At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area again until 04:00. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 19:10, 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 Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya. At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched several houses, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Salameh in the city of Qalqiliya.
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>Raid:</u> At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area. • <u>Detention:</u> At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up near the settlement of Shavei Shomron detained 10 female civilians for an extended period of time before releasing them.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested Maha Hussein 'Awwadi, a female civilian, at the village of Beit Iba checkpoint. • School Disruption: On 16 September 2004, classes were disrupted in 67 schools serving 29,618 students in the city of Nablus due to the mourning of 6 civilians, including 1 female child, killed by the Israeli army.
SALFIT	<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 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. • 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. • Raid: At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and took position in the eastern neighbourhood of the city.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 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.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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. • 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Bethlehem and set up

	<p>several checkpoints in a number of neighbourhoods at various times.</p> <p>(ii) At 17:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Deir Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.</p> <p>(iii) At 21:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iv) At 03:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Aziz Abed Rabbu Radaydeh; (ii) Isa Ahmed Radaydeh; (iii) Ziyad Dawood Radaydeh; and (iv) Iyad Younis Abu Hanak.
HEBRON	<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 declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone. • Wall Construction: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close all entrances to the city of Hebron with military checkpoints and prevents civilians from entering or exiting the city, thereby forcing them to take rough detours to reach their workplaces or homes. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods at various times. The Israeli army also detained approximately 30 civilians for over 3 hours and severely beat several others with rifle butts.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. • Palestinian Attack: At 17:20, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the town of Ashdirot inside the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Attack: At 23:50, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells from its location in the settlement of Nitsareem towards Palestinian territory south of Gaza city. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory 20 meters away from 1 Palestinian National

	<p>Security location south of Ash Shuhada' junction. The Israeli army also detonated 1 UXO.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory near Az Zahra' city south of Gaza city and placed barbed wire near 1 civilian building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 22:30, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:50, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.</p>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <p>(i) Abu al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</p> <p>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</p> <p>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open.</p> <p>(iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 13:00, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. At 14:50, and again at 19:45, the Israeli army closed the road again.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 1 civilian. • <u>Raid:</u> At 16:50, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided the area of Abu 'Eid in the area of Al Qarara south of Mahfutha checkpoint and placed dirt barricades. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 20:40, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <p>(i) Gaza International Airport remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to passengers, except for male civilians between the ages of 16 and 35.</p> <p>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</p>

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Death of a Political Prisoner:</u> Political prisoner Fawwaz Sa'id Hijjeh died of a severe heart attack in Megiddo Prison due to medical negligence and delay in offering necessary medical aid. • <u>Prisoners' Health Conditions:</u> After visiting Ar Ramla Prison, the attorney of the Prisoners' Club confirmed that 17 political prisoners are critically ill in the prison due to medical negligence.
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