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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 September 2005 – 08:00 17 September 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	8	_	8	Incl. 3 children & 1 elderly f. civilian
Attacks	3	2	5	Incl. 1 in a raid & 3 from milit. Posts
Raids	16	_	16	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 4 in Jenin
Arrests	6	_	6	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 2 in Hebron
Detentions	14	_	14	Incl. 2 Israeli peace activists
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the village of Zububa in Jenin
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	Access restricted to permit holders
Flying Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	*	_		*Incl. vicinity of settlements in Jenin
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Rafah Crossing totally closed
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	1 road expanded in Hebron
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Excavation works in Jerusalem
Palestinian Attack	1	_	1	Open fire towards Kadim
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against Wall construction in Bil'in
TOTAL	66	8	74	\

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JERUSALEM	 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 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. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of 'Anata northeast of the city of Jerusalem and searched a number of houses. Settler Violence: 'Atiret Cohenim, an Israeli settler association, carried out excavation works, measuring 12 meters in depth and 20 meters in length, under civilian houses 80 meters away from Al Aqsa Mosque. As a result, the houses are under the threat of collapsing.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 'Imad Matar Duqmaq in the city of El Bireh.

• <u>Demonstration/Injuries/Detention</u> : At 13:00, a mass demonstration,
including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in the village
of Bil'in in protest again Wall construction. Confrontations took place
between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army
injured 8 civilian protestors by rubber-coated steel bullets. A number of
protestors also were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation, including 3
children and 1 elderly female civilian. Additionally, the Israeli army
detained 2 Israeli peace activists.
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- (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.

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

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Qabatiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Curfew:

- (i) Beginning at 20:00 on 15 September 2005, the Israeli army remained positioned in the village of Zububa and continued to impose curfew. At 11:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the villages of Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and combed agricultural land in the area surrounding the villages. The Israeli army also detained the IDs of a number of farmers from the town of Tubas and ordered them to report to Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint in order to receive their IDs.

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	 (iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of 'Arraba arrested Ahmed Walid Sadaqah. Palestinian Attack: At 19:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army positioned in the evacuated settlement of Kadim. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards the eastern quarter of the city of Jenin.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads/Land Levelling: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the village of Shufa with cement blocks and dirt barricades. The Israeli army continues to close Al Kafriyat road at Jubara checkpoint, rerouting Palestinian civilian traffic to a new 3-km-long road, including a tunnel, connecting the districts of Qalqiliya and Tulkarem. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Atara with dirt barricades, after levelling some portions of the road. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILIYA	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma 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 Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Al Funduq and fired tear gas grenades while patrolling the area. The also set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.

	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Till, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 04:30.
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. Raids: At 19:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya.
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	 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. Raids: At 11:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala, the town of Al Khadr, and Ad Duheisha refugee camp. At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided Al 'Aza refugee camp, searched 5 houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 02:30. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Al 'Aza refugee camp: Anas Ribhi Abu Sh'ireh; and Mohammed Isa al Barbari.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the old gold market in the old city of Hebron with an iron gate.
- 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:** At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa south of the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 2 civilians, after searching their houses.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Idhna:
- (i) Yousef Abdul 'Aziz al Batran; and
- (ii) Sameer Mahmoud al Batran.
- <u>Detention</u>: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions in the old city of Hebron and prevented dozens of civilians from entering the Ibrahimi Mosque to perform Friday prayers.
- <u>Settlement Activity</u>: The Israeli army began expanding 1 800-meters-long road between the settlement of Kiryat Arba' and the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, ostensibly to provide protection for Israeli settlers.

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• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.

• Attacks:

NORTHERN GAZA

- (i) At 12:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilians while they were performing Friday prayers in the evacuated settlement Netzarim where settler houses were demolished.
- (ii) At 13:35, the Israeli army positioned on the Green Line opened fire towards a number of children north of the evacuated settlement of Dugit where settler houses were demolished.

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GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS	 Renewal of Administrative Detention: Israeli authorities renewed the administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) of 2 political prisoners held in Ketziot ('An Naqab) Military Prison Camp for a period of 4 months for the 4th consecutive time: Raed Khalil an Najjar; and Mohammed Mkheimar.
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