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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 September 2006 – 08:00 17 September 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	1	2	2 civilians in the Hebron & Rafah districts
Incursion	—	1	1	Into areas east of the city of Rafah
Attacks	4	7	11	Incl. 82 artillery shells fired on N. Gaza
Raids	14	2	16	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Bethlehem
Arrests	3	—	3	Incl. 2 brothers & 1 university student
Detentions	16	—	16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	2	2	In Northern Gaza & Khan Yunis districts
Wall Construction	29	—	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Incl. part of Erez Industrial Zone's wall
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. Tayasir, 'Einav, & Jubara partially
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem & Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	36	—	36	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 2 in Bethlehem
Closure of Wall Gates	Permits required	—	Permits required	Incl. civilians forced to strip, Azzun Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) and Sufa
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Windows of an ambulance broken, Jenin
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	A settler bypass road constructed, Jenin
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	Pipes for manufacturing mortars handed
TOTAL	132	20	152	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Dahiyat al Bareed, 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, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qalandiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud on the Ramallah-Jericho road as well as the western entrance to the village of Saffa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Bir University, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 university student. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of An Nabi Salih and patrolled the area until 19:45. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana and patrolled the area until 02:05. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Dura al Qar' and opened indiscriminate fire while it was patrolling the area. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to Bir Zeit University arrested an unidentified university student.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of 'Arraba and the village of Fahma and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid/Medical Obstruction/Destruction of Property: At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also broke the windows of an ambulance that was present in the area and withdrew at 14:00. • Settlement Activity: The Israeli army began constructing a new settler bypass road that would connect the settlement of Mehola to the settlement outpost of Silit in the northern Jordan Valley area.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the Dahiyat Dhinnaba-Kafr al Labad road; the Kafr al Labad-Shufa road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Masqufa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road as well as at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). At 'Einav checkpoint, the Israeli army has confined crossing times to the period between 07:00 and 17:00 every day. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al Labad and patrolled the area until 13:30. (ii) At 21:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 13:30, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) pipes used for manufacturing handmade mortars. These pipes were seized in the city of Tulkarem.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to school students under 16 years of age unless they are accompanied by one of their parents. The Israeli army has also forced civilians to strip while crossing the metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: At 21:00 and after a mysterious explosion took place near the DCO offices, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and denied civilian access in both

	<p>directions until 21:30. At 07:30, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus, as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. (ii) Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades. (iii) Nablus-‘Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00. (iv) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. (v) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided Balata refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire, while searching 2 houses. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians (brothers) while it was patrolling the area. (ii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched 1 building, and withdrew at 04:15. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Amjad Ibrahim Khawajah; and (ii) Ameer Ibrahim Khawajah.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za’tara junction checkpoint and to deny access to civilians under 35 years of age. The Israeli army also denied access to the district of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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 village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho IDs. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on the Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, impeding civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, except for the southern road that leads to the Wall gate. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and to deny access to civilian vehicles, except for those possessing access permits. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, and northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (iii) At 05:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 05:50.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.

	<p>(ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed: in the section between the area south of the town of Beit Ula and Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin; and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • Attack/Injury: At 21:00, the Israeli army fired a sound grenade inside a civilian vehicle in Abu Sneineh neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron. The sound grenade directly hit 'Ammar 'Imran al Atrash, leaving him with moderate injuries. Al Atrash was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Wadi al Hariya, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 25 June 2006, the Israeli army has reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the district of Northern Gaza. Beginning on 28 June 2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Attacks: <p>(i) Between 08:00 on 16 September 2006 and 08:00 on 17 September 2006, the Israeli army fired 82 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area of Abu Safiya east of the town of Beit Hanun, around the area of Al Hawuz north of the town of Beit Lahiya, and north of the American School northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 20:50, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the town of Beit Lahiya. (iii) At 07:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 23 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Hanun. • <u>Raid/Attack/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property:</u> At 12:20, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 3 bulldozers, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 23 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire, levelled land, and demolished part of the wall of Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. At 18:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 04:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 07:30, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory near Point 164 on the Green Line east of the village of Abasan as Saghira and levelled land.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Incursion:</u> Beginning at 18:20 on 07 August 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army remains positioned around the Airport as of 08:00 this morning. • <u>Attack/Injury:</u> At 23:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport towards the area of Ad Dihniya, injuring Ahmed 'Odeh ad Dibari.