

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 September 2004 – 08:00 18 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Killing	1	—	1	1 female civilian in Nablus
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten
Injuries	4	—	4	During raids
Attacks	9	2	11	7 during raids, 1 from mil. post
Raids	28	1	29	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Helicopters over Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	6	—	6	Incl. 1 injured civilian
Detentions	6	—	6	Incl. at checkpoints
House Demolition	1	—	1	1 uninhabited house in Nablus
Land Levelling	—	1	1	East of the area of 'Abasan
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	14,700 <i>dunums</i> near Al Isawiya
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	2 rifles from Joint Patrol in Nablus
House Occupation	1	—	1	Several buildings in Nablus
Curfews	2	—	2	In Seida and Beit 'Ur At Tahta
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Incl. Jenin 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	—	5	5	2 partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. position near 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	1 Qassam mortar and 3 mortars
TOTAL	63	14	77	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</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 prohibited worshipers from other districts from accessing Jerusalem, forcing many civilians to conduct prayers near the outer gates of Al Aqsa mosque and at checkpoints. • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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: Israeli authorities began confiscation of 14,700 <i>dunums</i> (3,675 acres) of land near the village of Al Isawiya. The Israeli army placed signs with "State Land, No Entry" written on them in order to construct a settlement neighbourhood connecting the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim to the settlement of the French Hill. The first stage of this project will include constructing 4,000 housing units and 3 hotels over 12,500 <i>dunums</i> (3,125 acres) of land and the second stage will include constructing housing units and an industrial zone over 2,200 <i>dunums</i> (550 acres) of land.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Sira. (ii) At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and searched 1 house after detaining its residents inside. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (iii) At 00:10, an Israeli army jeep raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein. (iv) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and arrested 1 civilian. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Ur At Tahta, imposed curfew, and detained about 60 civilians for an extended period of time. (vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir and took photographs of civilians. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Iyad Mohammed Omar in the village of Beit Liqya.
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 was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) The Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 2 civilians. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, opened indiscriminate fire, and injured and arrested 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silat Adh Dhahr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Thamin Ahmed Abu Dayyak; and (ii) Ashraf Ahmed Abu Dayyak. (iii) The Israeli army arrested 1 injured civilian in the town of Qabatiya.
TULKAREM	<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 Checkpoints: At 07:00, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints, placed dirt barricades 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. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Attil, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area near the Wall. (ii) At 12:15, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled the town of Irtah. (iii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida, opened indiscriminate fire, and imposed curfew. (iv) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Illar, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area. (v) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 04:00. (vi) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camps. At 20:45, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp again and took position at its entrances until 04:00. (vii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also patrolled the area.
QALQILYA	<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.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and ‘Ein Beit El Ma’ refugee camp, took position in several neighbourhoods, occupied several houses, and converted them into military posts. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 1 female civilian as she was at the rooftop of her house. The Israeli army also injured 1 civilian. The Israeli army detained 1 Palestinian Joint Patrol, confiscated 2 rifles from the patrol, and destroyed 1 uninhabited house in the Hittin Street using explosives. At 20:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until 04:00. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Ibriz Dirgham Al Minawi, a female civilian, in the city of Nablus. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 uninhabited house in the Hittin Street in the city of Nablus belonging to Salih Kalbouni.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</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 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district,

	<p>closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Al Khadr on settler bypass road # 60, searched civilians and vehicles, detained several civilians, and arrested 1 civilian. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. (ii) At 21:15, an Israeli army Special Force raided the city of Bethlehem, took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location, and opened fire towards 1 officer after pursuing him. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled several neighbourhoods at various times. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mousa Suleiman Salah on settler bypass road # 60.
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 was suspended for the weekend 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 and homes. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa, detained a number of civilians, and severely beat others. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Milhem Ibrahim An Najjar in the town of Yatta.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. • Palestinian Attack: At 09:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement Kfar Darom.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 00:05, Israeli army navy boats opened fire towards 1 fishing boat opposite Deir Al Balah beach. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:50, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. (ii) At 21:50, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards an unidentified area.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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. • Attack: At 03:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 16:50, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided 100 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 16 east of 'Abasan, levelled land, and withdrew at 18:40. • Air Patrol: At 19:05, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Khan Yunis. • Palestinian Attack: At 24:00, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Netzer Hazani.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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 closed.