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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 September 2004 – 08:00 19 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Several civilians severely beaten
Injuries	2	5	7	Incl. 2 children
Attacks	13	11	24	6 during raids, 14 from mil. post
Raids	22	1	23	During searches and patrols
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Helicopters over Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	5	—	5	Incl. 1 female civilian
Detentions	11	—	11	Incl. at checkpoints
Wall Construction	17	—	17	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In the area of Abu Al Ajin
Curfew	1	—	1	In Asira Ash Shamaliya
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Jenin & Hebron closed mil. Zones
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	2 partially open
Construction of Mil. Post	—	1	1	Northwest of Beit Hanun
School Disruption	1	1	2	In 2 schools in Beit Aur At Tahta
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	1	3	Incl. raid on 2 police stations
Settler violence	1	—	1	Sound grenades in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	Qassam mortar, 2 mortars, 1 rocket
TOTAL	79	28	107	

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. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was resumed 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.
<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. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was resumed 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. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the village of Ein Arik, opened fire at civilians, and prevented them from passing through in both directions. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Beitunia, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Shaqba and fired sound grenades, injuring 1 child.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations in the settlement of Psagot towards civilian houses. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 11:35, the Israeli army arrested Palestinian Civil Defence officer Samir Abd Al Hadi Dawahqa at a checkpoint in the northern part of the city of Ramallah. • <u>School Disruption:</u> 2 schools were disrupted in the village of Beit Aur At Tahta due to the curfew imposed by the Israeli army.
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 resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> Beginning at 07:00, the Israeli army continues to set up several checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, on the various entrances leading to the city of Jenin, preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city, thereby forcing them to use rough detours. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, opened intensive fire, searched several houses after detaining its residents, and withdrew at 02:00. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ra'ai, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and took position in various neighbourhoods. • <u>Attacks:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the junction of the village of Sanur opened fire towards civilians and injured 1 child. • <u>Physical Assaults:</u> Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up on the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan severely beat 2 civilians.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 continues to set up flying checkpoints, and 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:25, the Israeli army raided the area located between the town of 'Attil and the town of Deir Al Ghusun, opened intensive fire, and searched the area. (ii) At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Attil. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Air Patrols: At 20:25, Israeli army Helicopters patrolled the area over the district of Tulkarm.
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. • Raids: At 12:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya and searched several houses.
NABLUS	<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/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, Israeli army patrols raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 20:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Nisf Jbail and raided a police station. (iii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya and imposed curfew. • Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the entrance to the town of Huwara detained dozens of civilians and arrested 1 female civilian. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up near the settlement of

	<p>Shavi Shamron detained dozens of civilians for an extended period of time and prevented them from having access to water and acquiring their basic needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified female civilian at Huwara checkpoint.
<p>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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Jama'in, searched vehicles and civilians, and detained several civilians for an extended period of time. (ii) At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attacks: At 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire at civilian houses in the city of Salfit from its locations in Al Irsal Hill, north of the city. • Detentions: The Israeli army detained dozens of civilians for an extended period of time at a checkpoint set up on the entrance to the village of Deir Balut.
<p>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>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, 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

	<p>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 resumed 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint, searched vehicles, and detained civilians. At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the town again and fired sound grenades towards civilians. (ii) At 14:00, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (iii) At 21:30, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled Ayda refugee camp. (iv) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Ad Dheisha refugee camp, searched several houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 02:30. (v) At 02:20, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (vi) At 07:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Obeidiya, set up a checkpoint near a police station, and detained a number of civilians and vehicles. • Physical Assaults: The Israeli army severely beat and injured 4 civilians near settler bypass road # 60. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Ad Dheisha refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammad Abd Ar Rahman Abu Fadda, and (ii) Yassir Ahmad Ash Sheikh Al Laham.
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 resumed 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 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and severely beat and

	<p>inured several civilians, one of whom was admitted to hospital. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled various neighbourhoods.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammad Issa Abu Za'arib in Al Arrub refugee camp. • Settler Violence: During their celebrations of the Hebrew New Year in the old city of Hebron, extremist Israeli settlers assaulted civilians by firing sound grenades at them. They also called for the killing and expulsion of Arabs.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. • Attacks: At 20:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at Point 63 on the Green Line towards a Palestinian National Security location east of the town of Jabaliya. • Palestinian Attacks: At 11:40, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the area of Eretz.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Attacks: At 08:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at Point 71 on the Green Line towards the areas east of the city of Gaza, injuring 4 civilians. • Construction of Military Posts: At 08:30, the Israeli army constructed a new military post between the old D.C.O. offices and Salah Ad Din road, northwest of the town of Beit Hanun. • Palestinian Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:30, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement Nitsareem. (ii) At 07:30, 1 rocket was fired towards the main gate of the settlement of Kitsufim.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
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 closed. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. (Israeli authorities reported that Abu Holi road will be open from 06:30 to 19:00).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at Point 12 on the Security Line towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired several tank shells from its locations on the Security Line towards civilian houses in the area of Al Sater Al Gharbi, Al Gharbi refugee camp, and Al Amal and An Namsawi neighbourhoods. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the area of Abu Al 'Ajin, including the area north of Al Salqa valley until the area south of Kitsufim road in Al Qarara, and levelled land near Bilal Bin Rabah Girls School. The school was disrupted due to the Israeli army's levelling of land in the area.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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.