مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 September 2005 – 08:00 19 September 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1		1	1 bus driver severely beaten
Attacks	3	_	3	Incl. 1 in a raid & 1 from milit. post
Raids	22	_	22	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 5 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	2	_	2	Over Bethlehem & Jericho
Arrests	5	_	5	Incl. 1 child
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. 10 National Security officers
Land Levelling	1	_	1	Near the settlement of Hagai, Hebron
Wall Construction	24	_	24	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Beth., Salfit, Qalq.
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	23.5 <i>dunums</i> in the village of Bruqin
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	1 civilian vehicle in El Bireh
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	Access restricted to permit holders
Flying Checkpoints	25	_	25	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 5 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	5	_	5	Incl. the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin
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	_	5	5	Incl. Rafah Crossing totally closed
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	_	2	Incl. security offices photographed
Palestinian Attack	1	_	1	Open fire towards 1 Israeli patrol
Pal. Security Measures	_	3	3	Incl. armed individuals evacuated
TOTAL	110	8	118	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify 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 around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. 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 continues 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. Flving 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 Beit 'Anan and searched 1 mechanic's workshop. Arrest: At 13:00, the Israeli army arrested Hamzeh Mohammed al 'Umari, a 16-year-old boy from the city of Beit Jala, in the city of Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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 08:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles. At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Dibwan and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. At 16:25, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana.

	 (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah. Arrest/Confiscation of Property: At 01:05 on 18 September 2005, the Israeli army arrested Iyad Nabil Hamdan and confiscated his vehicle during its raid on the city of El Bireh.
JENIN	 Closure of Settlement Evacuation Areas: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of 'Arraba with cement blocks. 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. 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. 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoints/Detention: At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the village of Kashda in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of Al Far'a, detained 10 Palestinian National Security officers in military uniforms, and released them at 17:30. The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and the other in the area between the town of Tubas and Al Yamun, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the village of Siris and searched civilians and vehicles.
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.

- (iii) 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.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Atara with dirt barricades, after having levelled some portions of the road.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jubara tunnel south of the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles
- (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Illar and 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Palestinian Attack:

- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil.
- (ii) At 22:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint in front of the city's Palestinian Police station, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched 1 mechanic's workshop.
- (iii) At 23:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta. Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. The Israeli army in turn opened fire and withdrew at a later time.

Wall Gates:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

• Flying Checkpoints:

QALQILIYA

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Kafr Qaddum and Hajja and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun, and searched civilians and vehicles.

	• Physical Assault: At 18:30, Israeli troops positioned at Jit checkpoint severely beat Mohammed Faeq Anbar, after halting the bus he was driving.
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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus and 'Askar refugee camp.
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 Intifada (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 continues 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Salfit and the village of Iskaka, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 11:45. Raids/Detention: At 22:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya. At 01:10, Israeli army infantry forces, including 8 soldiers, raided the village of Bruqin, searched 1 house after detaining its residents, and took photographs of both them and the house. The Israeli army also interrogated the house residents and demanded that they provide information about their Palestinian Police officer relative, Mu'tassem Kamel Hussein. At 01:25, the Israeli soldiers withdrew from the area. Land Confiscation: The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/163/05 to confiscate 23.5 dunums (5.875 acres) of land belonging to the village of Bruqin for military purposes.
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.

•	<u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al
	Hamra checkpoint, connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, and to
	impede civilian access.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 60 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 12:35, 4 Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Jericho.

• <u>Closure</u>: 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 the civilians' residence in the village illegal.

- <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 16:25, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and impeded civilian access in both directions, ostensibly to conduct thorough searches until 19:30.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Ta'mir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 18:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 22:55, the Israeli army fired flares over the town of Al Khadr.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 14:35, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem and arrested 1 civilian, after searching his house in the area of Hindaza Mountain in the city of Bethlehem.
- (iii) At 15:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah.
- <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 21:45, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Bethlehem.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Omar Salahat in the area of Hindaza Mountain in the city of Bethlehem.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Gilo checkpoint set up along Road # 90 leading to the city of Jerusalem arrested Shadi Mohammed al Hreimi.

BETHLEHEM

Closure: (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. The Israeli army also continues to close the old gold market in the old city of Hebron with an iron gate. (ii) The Israeli army imposed a closure over the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles. **HEBRON** Raids/Detention/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint along 'Ein Sarah Street, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of civilians. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Nimra, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 07:30, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time and took photographs of a number of Palestinian security offices. At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (ii) town of Beit Kahil. Arrest: At 20:00, the Israeli army arrested Omar Hammad Abdul Fattah, a

of Hagai south of the city of Hebron.

Dhahiriya.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for humanitarian cases and VIPs only. Palestinian Security Measure: Upon a request by the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Palestinian security forces evacuate d a group of approximately 30 armed Palestinian individuals from the evacuated settlement of Nisanit near the Green Line.
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.

civilian from the town of Beit Ummar, along the road to the town of Adh

Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled civilian land near the settlement

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. Palestinian Security Measures: At 11:00, Palestinian security forces sealed off holes in the border wall along the Egyptian border to prevent infiltration from both sides of the border, after having deployed 4 regiments of Palestinian National Security and Police forces (approximately 1,500 officers) in the area. At 00:10, an armed confrontation took place between Palestinian National Security forces and unidentified armed groups while the latter were attempting to smuggle illegal goods along the Egyptian border opposite Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. 		