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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 September 2004 – 08:00 20 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Assassination | — | 1 | 1 | During air attack on 1 vehicle |
| Killing | — | 1 | 1 | East of Gaza city |
| Physical Assaults | 3 | — | 3 | Several civilians severely beaten |
| Injuries | 8 | 11 | 19 | Incl. 2 children and 1 civilian |
| Air Attack | — | 1 | 1 | Missiles towards 1 civilian vehicle |
| Attacks | 7 | 6 | 13 | 3 during raids, 8 from mil. post |
| Raids | 16 | 1 | 17 | Incl. cont. presence in B. Ur Tahta |
| Air Patrol | — | 1 | 1 | Reconnaissance over Gaza city |
| Arrests (per person) | 17 | — | 17 | Incl. 1 child and 1 female civilian |
| Detentions | 9 | — | 9 | Incl. at checkpoints |
| Land Levelling | — | 1 | 1 | In the area of Abu Al 'Ajin |
| Wall Construction | 17 | — | 17 | Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron |
| Destruction of Property | — | 2 | 2 | 1 civilian vehicle and crops |
| Curfew | 1 | — | 1 | In the village of Beit Ur At Tahta |
| 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) | (6) | (Most) | Esp. connecting cities |
| Closure of Wall Gates | (All) | — | (All) | Permits required to cross |
| Closure of Crossing Points | — | 5 | 5 | 2 partially open |
| Medical Obstruction | 1 | — | 1 | Halting 1 ambulance in Jerusalem |
| Attack on Religious Sites | 1 | — | 1 | Surrounding 1 mosque in Ayda RC |
| School Disruptions | 4 | 1 | 5 | Incl. 4 schools in Beit Ur At Tahta |
| Raid on VR Centres | 1 | — | 1 | In the town of Al Khadr |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 1 | — | 1 | Detaining 1 Police vehicle |
| Palestinian Attacks | — | 3 | 3 | Incl. 3 Aqsa mortars & 1 mortar |
| Demonstrations | 2 | — | 2 | Incl. against land confiscation |
| TOTAL | 88 | 34 | 122 | |

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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. • The Israeli army re-imposed the closure between the districts of the West Bank and the Green Line after the end of the Jewish holidays celebrating the Hebrew New Year until 26 September 2004. |
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| <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 continues 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. • Medical Obstruction: Israeli troops near the Wailing Wall in the city of Jerusalem stopped and searched 1 ambulance transporting 1 ill civilian from the city of Ramallah to the city of Bethlehem and vandalised the interior of the ambulance. • Demonstration: A mass demonstration took place in the village of Al Isawiya in the city of Jerusalem in protest against land confiscation. The Israeli army prevented civilian protestors from accessing their 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. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues 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. • Attack: At 23:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire at 1 taxi from its location at the entrance to the settlement of Halamish. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya, patrolled the area surrounding Beituniya Elementary and Secondary Girls Schools, and fired tear gas and sound grenades towards female students, injuring several students as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, fired sound grenades towards civilian houses, searched 2 houses, arrested 3 civilians, and withdrew at 04:20. (iii) Beginning on 17 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the village of Beit 'Ur At Tahta and continues to impose curfew for the 3rd consecutive day. Classes were disrupted in 3 schools in the village serving 1,051 students due to the curfew. The Israeli army remains positioned in the village as of 08:00 this morning. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Saffa and set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Saffa Boys School during school hours, thereby disrupting classes in the school, which serves 440 students. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Kafr 'Ein: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omar Salih Ar Rifa'i; (ii) Mahmoud Ibrahim Ar Rifa'i; and (iii) Jum'ah Ibrhahim Ar Rifa'i. |
| 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 continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to set up flying checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, at the entrances to the city of Jenin, thereby preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun and the village of Bir Al Basha, searched several houses, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Abdul Nasser Ghawadreh in the village of Bir Al Basha. |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</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 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 continued to set up flying checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, at the entrances to the city of Tulkarem, thereby preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city and forcing them to take rough detours. • Attack: At 20:25, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Hermesh towards civilian houses in the village of An Nazla Ash Sharqiya. • Arrest: At 22:30, the Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian at the checkpoint set up near the village of 'Izbat Jubara. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</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 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. • Raid: At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 1 house, and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child. At 06:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army arrested Ayman Talal Yamin at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Qalqiliya. <p>The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child in the city of Qalqiliya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Abdullah Mujahed Zahran; 16 years old; (iii) Nidhal Ahmed Nazzal; (iv) Mohammed Hashim Zubeidi; (v) Hamid Fadhl Sa'id Muwafi; and (vi) Thaer Marwan Nazzal. |
| <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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Asira Ash Shamaliya and detained 1 Palestinian Police vehicle transporting 6 individuals held in custody. The vehicle was travelling to the Police station in the village of Nisf Jubeil. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detentions: At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Shavei Shomron detained dozens of civilians, including 5 Palestinian officers, and released them at 14:00. • Arrests: At 19:00, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 Palestinian National Security officers, at a checkpoint set up in the area between the villages of Beit Imrin and Sabastiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abbas Jalal Ad Dusuqi, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Imad Jalal Ad Dusuqi, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (iii) Tariq Yousef Abu Al Leil. (iv) At 19:30, the Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian vehicle driver at Huwwara checkpoint. |
| SALFIT | <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. |
| JERICHO | <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. • Attack: Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint opened fire towards, and severely beat, civilians attempting to cross rough detours. |
| BETHLEHEM | <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 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. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues 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 14:15, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Beit Sahur, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Al Quds Open University, examined the IDs of civilians entering and exiting the building, and detained 2 students until 15:20. (ii) At 14:15, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. (iii) At 16:25, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including 1 child. The Israeli army also surrounded the camp's mosque, detained worshippers, and severely beat others. At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the camp again, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 female civilian. (iv) At 17:30, Israeli army patrols raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Jala, the town of Al Khadr, and Ad Duheisha refugee camp. The Israeli army also raided the voter registration centre in the town of Al Khadr and detained civilians and registration officers at the centre. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Firyal Munir Ju'arah in 'Ayda refugee camp. |
| 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 continues 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. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned in the old city of Hebron severely beat and injured 2 civilians. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Isma'il Mousa Hantash in the village of Kharsa. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 09:30, a mass demonstration, including Israeli and international peace activists, took place near the Wall construction site in the town of Beit ‘Awwa in protest against construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 6 civilians. |
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GAZA STRIP

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| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 03:10, 3 Al Aqsa mortars were fired towards the Green Line. |
| GAZA CITY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Sheikh ‘Ajlin coastal road is closed. (iii) Al Muntar (Karni) crossing is closed. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At 21:50, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft fired missiles towards 1 civilian vehicle in Al Jala’ Street in Gaza city, extra-judicially killing 1 civilian, injuring 7 civilian bystanders, and destroying the vehicle. • <u>Attack:</u> At 03:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at the Eastern Line towards Palestinian territory south of Gaza city. • <u>Killing:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) <u>Correction from yesterday’s report:</u> Among the 4 injuries reported yesterday during the Israeli army’s opening of intensive fire from Point 71 towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city, Rami Abu Lihyeh was discovered to be killed. (ii) The Israeli army killed Khalid Abu Salmieh during an air attack on Gaza city. • <u>Raid:</u> At 06:15, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided Sheikh ‘Ajlin coastal junction south of Gaza city, closed the coastal road with dirt barricades, and opened intensive fire towards civilians attempting to cross, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army continues to close the road and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory west and north of the city of Deir Al Balah, injuring 1 female child in Sukainah Girls School, west of the area of Abu ‘Arif. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 12:30, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. |
| KHAN YUNIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al ‘Ajlin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 16:55, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location at Point 12 towards the area of Al Maqbara near An Namsawi neighbourhood. • Israeli army UXO: At 12:30, an Israeli army UXO exploded in the area of Abu Al 'Ajin, injuring Ahmed Abu Asad. • Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled vast areas of agricultural land during the raid on the area of Abu Al 'Ajin reported yesterday. The Israeli army also closed a detour between the areas of Abu Al 'Ajin and Al Ja'farawi. • Palestinian Attack: At 02:40, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p> | <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 partially open for construction cargo only. • Attack: At 16:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 9.5 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Bloc J in Rafah refugee camp, critically wounding Hussam Abu An Naja in the head. |

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| <p style="text-align: center;">POLITICAL PRISONERS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-compliance with Prisoners' Demands: After visiting Israeli prisons, several attorneys confirmed that the Israeli Prisons Service continues to delay the implementation of the agreements reached with the prisoners following the suspension of their hunger strike. The Israeli Prisons Service continues to detain the prisoners' personal belongings in Nafha Prison and place political prisoners in isolation cells. Israeli Prisons Service also prevented 1,800 families from visiting their relatives in prison and imposed fines amounting to 21,000 NIS on political prisoners in the Hadarim Prison as a punishment for their participation in the hunger strike. • Construction of a Separation Wall in Ketzion Prison: Israeli Prisons Service continues to construct a separation wall between sections of Ketzion Military Prison Camp and its surrounding area. The prison administration also installed electric disruption devices on walls to prevent political prisoners from using mobile phones. Such disruption devices could pose a health hazard to political prisoners. |
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**ISRAELI
INCITEMENT**

- **Incitement by Israeli Officials:**

- (i) Website: www.nfc.co.il, 15 September 2004

In an interview with several Israeli media agencies (Radio Channel 2, Army Radio, 3 TV channels, and Yidu'ot, Ma'ariv and Ha'aretz newspapers), Israeli Prime Minister Ari'el Sharon stated that he does not see any difference between President Yasser Arafat and Hamas leaders, such as Sheikh Ahmed Yaseen and Ar Rantisi, who have been assassinated by the Israeli army. Sharon added that Israel will take the measures it deems appropriate against Arafat at the appropriate time.

- (ii) Website: www.haaretz.co.il, 15 September 2004

In responding to questions by Ha'aretz Newspaper regarding the implementation of the Israeli Government's decision to get rid of President Yasser Arafat, Sharon stated "We will find the appropriate time to do so."

Sharon utterly refused proposals by the Europeans calling for an end to the siege imposed on President Arafat at Al Muqata'a.

Regarding the Oslo Agreement, Sharon was quoted saying "I think we have taken a cosmetic cancellation step, since this Agreement no longer exists," adding that "...this Agreement constitutes one of the worst disasters for the State of Israel".

- **Incitement in Israeli Media:**

- (i) Israeli Opinion Poll Conducted by the Teleksar Institute
Yidu'ot Achronot Newspaper, 19 September 2004

In an opinion poll conducted by the above-mentioned institute, the extent to which Israeli public opinion is affected by Israeli media agencies is apparent. 56% of people targeted by the polls supported the deportation of President Yasser Arafat outside the Palestinian territories at the appropriate time, whereas 36% opposed it.

- **Incitement by Extremist Israelis:**

- (i) Palestinian Al Ayyam Daily Newspaper, 11 September 2004

A group of extremist Israeli women conducted various activities at Israeli military checkpoints in an attempt to incite Israeli army soldiers to impose more restrictions on Palestinian civilians. The group of women also insulted and attacked civilians themselves. At Huwwara checkpoint, south of the city of Nablus, a similar group of women attacked another group of Israeli women acting in protest against military checkpoints. Extremist Israeli women beat photographer Ja'far Ishtayyeh as he was taking photos of their attack on Israeli women protesting military checkpoints. They threw an empty bottle at him, injuring him above his eye. They also verbally insulted him.