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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 August 2009 – 08:00 13 August 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Hebron
Attacks	5	—	5	Incl. 2 by posts & 2 from checkpoints
Raids	39	—	39	Incl. 7 in Ramallah and 8 in Nablus
Arrests (per person)	13	—	13	Incl. 3 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 4 in Ramallah
House Demolitions	1**	—	1	Incl. demolition notices distributed
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	3	—	3	Water tanks damaged in Hebron
Confiscation of Property	4	—	4	Incl. construction materials, Bethlehem
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Community centre closed in Jerusalem
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	46	—	46	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	Incl. 65 ill civilians allowed access
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Taking position near a security office
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Jenin
TOTAL	185	2	187	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Ikse due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bared from the town of Ar Ram. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. At 22:25, the Israeli army closed Jaba' checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Israeli troops impeded civilian access in both directions and reopened the checkpoint at a later time. Raids: On 12 August 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Sur Bahir and the village of Al 'Isawiya, searched a number of houses, and distributed notices for demolition of a number of houses, ostensibly because they had been built without the required construction licences.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack on Property:</u> On 12 August 2009, the Israeli army extended an order on the closure of the Nidhal Community Development and Empowerment Centre in the old city of Jerusalem until 11 September 2009. The Israeli army also forewarned that not a community activity would be carried out in the Centre. It should be noted that the Israeli army had closed the Centre on 09 July 2009. • <u>House Demolitions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 12 August 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for demolition of a number of houses in the Shu'fat and Al Ashqariya neighbourhoods, claiming that they had been built without the required construction licences. (ii) On 12 August 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for 3 civilians as to either demolish their own houses by themselves or pay exorbitant fines. The Israeli army alleged that those civilians had built their houses without the required construction licences. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the village of 'Ein Yabrud, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a Palestinian General Intelligence officer. (ii) At 22:25, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Sinjil on the Ramallah-Nablus main road and the other on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raids/Palestinian Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arura. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Sinjil and the village

	<p>of 'Abwein after unidentified armed individuals had opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle at the entrance to the town of Sinjil. The Israeli army denied civilian access and patrolled these areas.</p> <p>(iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Um Safa and Deir as Sudan.</p> <p>(v) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1 building, and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up underneath the overpass to the village of 'Ein Yabrud arrested Rami Amin Saleh, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Anwar Zeitoun in the city of Ramallah. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ya'bad. • Demonstration: At 11:30, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Jenin in solidarity with political prisoners. Protestors also demanded that prisoners be released from Israeli prisons. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. • Flying Checkpoint: At 01:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles until 01:45. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas, took position near offices of the Palestinian General Intelligence agency, and patrolled the area. At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again. (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the area of At Taqatiqa between the town of Tammun and the village of Al Far'a patrolled it until 21:35.

	(iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Tayasir.
TULKAREM	<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 western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road (connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 21:45, Israeli troops positioned at 'Einav checkpoint opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares, claiming to be conducting military training in the area. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir al Ghusun. (ii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of 'Anabta and Bal'a. The Israeli army also took photographs of 3 mosques in the town of Bal'a. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks 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 detector. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians. • Attack: At 21:45, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section south of the city of Qalqiliya opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares over the southern quarter of the city. • Raids: At 18:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. At 03:20, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched 4 houses, and arrested 2 civilians, including a university student. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya arrested 2 unidentified civilians.

	<p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Azzun:</p> <p>(ii) 'Adnan 'Issam Kayed Mohammed Sweidan; and</p> <p>(iii) Ahmed Habes Ahmed Sukkar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; and the main road and eastern entrance to entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Till and Madama; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya and Beit Imrin. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya. (iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabalan. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Iba. (v) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<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 northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area until 01:15. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya, searched 2 houses, confiscated a hunting rifle, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ashwas Dawoud Mohammed Dowoud 'Ubeid in the town of Deir Istiya. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Detention:</u> At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jericho and 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. In the refugee camp, the Israeli army also confiscated an Uzi submachine gun. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Kamal Farraj Shalalfeh in the village of Fasayil. <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer in the city of Jericho and in 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Suleiman Ibrahim Kahdher ad Dawahik, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer; and

	(iii) Mahmoud Mousa Mohammed al Mughrabi.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • Closure of Main Roads: In addition to detour roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Wadi Rahhal-the settlement of Efrat; and a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • Checkpoint: At 11:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint, impeded access, and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • Raids/House Demolition/Confiscation of Property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja and demolished the 3rd floor on a civilian house, claiming that it had been built without the required construction licence. The Israeli army also confiscated construction material from the house. (ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Jab'a. • House Demolition: The Israeli army partially demolished a house belonging to Khaled Mohammed Saleh Jibreel Hajajleh in the village of Al Walaja. • Detentions: At 11:20, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a bus transporting members on the Fatah Conference and released it after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.

- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
 - (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
 - (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.
 - (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
 - **Raids/Physical Assault/Attack/Destruction/Confiscation of Property:**
 - (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Idhna.
 - (ii) At 11:25, and again at 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and severely beat Mustafa Khalil as Salaymeh, the arrested civilian's brother, leaving him with contusions.
 - (iii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army opened fire, damaging a number of water tanks on house roofs.
 - (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula, searched 1 house, and confiscated a hunting rifle. The Israeli army arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
 - **Arrests:**
 - (i) On 12 August 2009, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Mahfouth Ahmed ash Sharawneh, a resident of the village of Deir Samit, while he was present in an area inside the Green Line.
 - (ii) The Israeli army arrested Rafe' Khalil as Salaymeh in the city of Hebron.
 - (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Mahmoud Tayyem as Sarahneh in the town of Beit Ula.
 - **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open on an exceptional basis to allow access 65 ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.