# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 05 August 2007 – 08:00 06 August 2007

# **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	A 17-year-old child on Rafah Crossing
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A female civilian severely beaten, Hebron
Injury	1	_	1	A child in the town of Tubas, Jenin
Attacks	4	3	7	Incl. 5 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	24	2	26	Incl. 7 in Jenin and 7 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	16	_	16	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 3 in Jericho
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	A sidewalk and crops destroyed
Curfew	1	_	1	Over 'Ein Beit el Ma' RC in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem and 5 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	39	_	39	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Only humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Settler Violence	5	_	5	Incl. a school set on fire in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Civil Defence fire trucks denied access
Palestinian Attacks	1	6	7	Incl. an explosive device detonated
Pal. Security Measures	3		3	3 handmade mortars handed over
TOTAL	173	21	194	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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#### **WEST BANK**

# ALL DISTRICTS

• 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.

# • <u>Closure</u>: 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.

## • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

### **JERUSALEM**

#### Wall Gates:

- (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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
- Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and searched a number of houses used as dormitories by university students. The Israeli army also set up a number of checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Abdullah Abu Sbeitan in the town of Abu Dis.

#### **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil and with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting (ii) 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town **RAMALLAH** of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Oaddis. EL BIREH **Raids:** At 02:25, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp and arrested (i) a university student. The Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Abu Falah and arrested 1 (ii) civilian. The Israeli army raided the town of Deir Dibwan and served summons (iii) to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Ali Hakeem in Al Jalazun refugee camp. The Israeli army arrested Tareq Abdul Rahman Hamayel in the village (ii) of Khirbet Abu Falah. 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the (i) **JENIN** entrance to the village of Al Kufeir and the other on the junction to the village of Fahma, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: on the junction to (ii) the town of 'Arraba; between the town of Qabatiya; and between the villages of Az Zawiya and 'Anza. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attacks/Injury/Destruction of Property: At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations (i) took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during with the Israeli army injured 1 child. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kashda and fired flares, (ii) while patrolling the area.

	<ul> <li>(iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened fire. The Israeli army also destroyed a sidewalk opposite a Palestinian Police station and withdrew at 05:00.</li> <li>(iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Jalama.</li> <li>(v) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya and patrolled the area until 05:00.</li> <li>(vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Silat al Harithiya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Zaki Zuheir Zuyoud in the town of Silat al Harithiya.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city).</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints:</li> <li>At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:00.</li> <li>Palestinian Security Measure: At 10:30, Palestinian security forces handed over 3 handmade mortars, seized in the city of Tulkarem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
QALQILIYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib.</li> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

	Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the		
	villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr		
	Thulth and 'Azzun.		
	• Settler Violence: At 19:30, a group of Israeli settlers raided agricultural		
	groves in the village of Kafr Qaddum and damaged crops.		
	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :		
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the		
	junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei		
	Shomron.		
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of		
	Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.		
	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al		
	Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks.		
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing		
	checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:		
	(i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western		
	entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The		
	Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to		
	cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians		
	using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.		
	(ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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.		
	(iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit		
NABLUS	Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.		
	(iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close		
	the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the		
	town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing,		
	only allowing access to humanitarian cases.		
	(v) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set		
	up around the city of Nablus and impeded civilian access.		
	• Raids/Curfew:		
	(i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Deir al Hatab and Salem, after an explosive device was detonated along the road to the		
	settlement of Alon Moreh.		
	(ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el		
	Ma' refugee camp. While searching a number of houses, an armed		
	confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed		
	Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also imposed curfew over the		
	refugee camp and arrested 7 civilians in the city. The Israeli army		
	remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.		
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the city of Nablus:		
	(i) Hamdi 'Uthman Taha;		
	(ii) Omar Shawkat Abu Khamis;		
	(iii) Hazem as Sa'di;		

	(iv) 'Adnan Ibrahim al Qatouni;
	(v) Riyadh Jawdat an Nadi;
	(vi) Abdul Qader Jawdat an Nadi; and
	(vii) Mu'taz Musbah Khatari.
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Salfit and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:30.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: 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.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Arrests: Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested 3 civilians:</li> <li>(i) Tareq Mohammed Hamadeh;</li> <li>(ii) Mahmoud Mohammed 'Ameereh; and</li> <li>(iii) Yousef Fawwar Rabay'ah.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	Closure: 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.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the road connecting the villages of Wadi Rahhal and Abu Nujeim, forcing civilians to take unpaved detour roads.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
- (ii) At 18:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Artas.

#### • <u>Closure</u>:

- (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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

#### Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.

#### **HEBRON**

• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

#### • Raids/Physical Assault:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and severely beat Rana Bsharah, a 48-year-old female civilian, after which she was transported to hospital for medical treatment. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched 4 houses.
- (ii) At 12:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iii) At 22:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- (v) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 2 civilians.
- (vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Rabud and searched a number of houses.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:
- (i) Mohammed Ali Abu 'Ayyash; and
- (ii) Raed Rasem Ikhlayyel.

#### • Settler Violence/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 16:30, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to seize control of Al Aqtab Mosque as well as a number of neighbouring houses in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the area.
- (ii) At 19:20, a group of Israeli settlers raided and set fire to the offices of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli settlers also denied access to Palestinian Civil Defence fire trucks to the area to extinguish the fire.
- (iii) At 22:45, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over Nu'man an Nather in the area of As Sahleh in the old city of Hebron, after which he was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
- (iv) At 00:40, a group of Israeli settlers set fire towards Qurtuba School in the old city of Hebron.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# NORTHERN GAZA

- Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. A number of civilians, who had been stranded on the Egyptian side of Rafah Crossing, were also allowed access.
- Raid: At dawn on 06 August 2007, Israeli Special Forces infiltrated into Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. An armed confrontation took place between Israeli Special Forces troops and armed Palestinian individuals.

#### Palestinian Attacks:

(i) At 01:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

	<ul> <li>(ii) At 02:25, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(iii) At 07:20, 3 mortars were fired towards the Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing on the Green Line.</li> </ul>
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel only.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Palestinian Attacks: <ol> <li>At 15:00, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>At 06:40, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul> <li><u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack</u>: At 15:50, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned near Kessufim gate on the Green Line. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory.</li> </ul>
KHAN YUNIS	• Raid/Attack/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks, 2 jeeps, and 1 bulldozer, raided 1 kilometre into Palestinian territory east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, and levelled agricultural land.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Death: In the evening on 05 August 2007, Abdul Rahman Isma'il Lubbad, 17 years old, died on the Egyptian side of Rafah Crossing as his health condition deteriorated, while he was waiting to be allowed to cross into the Gaza Strip. Lubbad was in Egypt, where he received medical treatment of cancer.</li> </ul>