# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 09 August 2007 – 08:00 10 August 2007

### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	2	2	Incl. a mentally challenged civilian
Injury	_	1	1	A civilian in the Northern Gaza district
Air Attack	_	1	1	3 missiles fired by a helicopter, Rafah
Attacks	1	9	10	Incl. 3 in raids and 6 from military posts
Raids	15	1	16	Incl. Jenin (5), Hebron (3), & Rafah (1)
Air Patrols	_	5	5	3 by helicopters & 2 by reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	15		15	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	16		16	At checkpoints and in residential areas
House Demolition	1		1	A house under construction, Jerusalem
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in the Rafah district
Wall Construction	25		25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	2	2	Incl. surveillance tower damaged, Airport
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A Kalashnikov rifle in the Qalqiliya city
Attack on Property	1		1	8 commercial shops closed in Hebron
House Occupations	_	3	3	Converted into military posts in Rafah
Closure of Checkpoints	15		15	Incl. 2 checkpoints completely closed
Flying Checkpoints	13		13	Incl. 3 in Jenin and 3 in Bethlehem
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	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially open
Settler Violence	1		1	1 house surrounded in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks		8	8	Incl. 17 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	151	40	191	

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.

#### • 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.
- <u>Raid</u>: The Israeli army raided Dahiyat al Bareed north of the city of Jerusalem, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Farhat Jaradat in Dahiyat al Bareed north of the city of Jerusalem.

#### **JERUSALEM**

	• House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished a house under construction belonging to Abdullah al Jabi in Wadi al Joz neighbourhoods in the city of Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Saiffa.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 15:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya.</li> <li>At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoint: At 01:30 on 09 August 2007, the Israeli army closed Tayasir checkpoint, denying civilian access until further notice.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:</li> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of civilians. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also detained a Palestinian Police officer, who was in civil clothes, forced him to wear his Palestinian Police uniform, and play the act as a Police officer.</li> <li>(iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Sanur, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a Palestinian National Security officer.</li> </ul>

## **Raids:** (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Sanur and searched 1 At 18:20, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps and 2 bulldozers, raided (ii) the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While surrounding and searched a house, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled these areas (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Al 'Araga, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 04:00. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Sanur arrested Iyad Mohammed Jaradat, a Palestinian National Security officer. 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. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat (i) 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 connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road (ii) **TULKAREM** connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem. **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). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raid:** At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. 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. **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits. **QALQILIYA** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. 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.

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	• Raid/Confiscation of Property: At 17:10, the Israeli army raided the city of		
	Qalqiliya, searched 3 houses, and confiscated a Kalashnikov rifle from a		
	house belonging to a Palestinian Preventive Security officer. The Israeli		
	army also arrested 7 civilians and withdrew at 04:00.		
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya:		
	(i) Riyadh Walweel;		
	(ii) Mohammed Riyadh Walweel;		
	(iii) Jamal 'Uthman Dawoud;		
	(iv) Usayd 'Uthman Dawoud;		
	(v) Mohammed Musleh Nazzal;		
	(vi) Bilal Mohammed Sweilem; and		
	(vii) Shareef Huneini.		
	• Closure of Main Roads:		
	(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		
NABLUS	cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians		
MADLOS	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		
	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.		
	• Flying Checkpoint: At 18:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at		
	the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus and searched civilians and		
	vehicles.		
	• Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Tareq		
	Bilal 'Ubeid.		
	• Closure of Main Roads:		
SALFIT	(i) 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).		

	(ii) 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.
	• Checkpoints:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impeded civilian access.
	• 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.
	• Raid: At 09:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, searched 4 houses, and withdrew at 10:10.
	• <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
JERICHO	deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : 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.
	• <u>Closure</u> : 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.
	• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the
BETHLEHEM	town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of
	Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat.
	• Flying Checkpoints: At 16:40, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at
	the entrances to the town of Za'tara and the village of Ash Shawawra and
	searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raid: At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a
	checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.  Provention of Polestinian Forces: At 16:00 Israeli troops positioned at As
	• <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u> : At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint detained the
	Commander of the Palestinian National Security forces in the district of
	Bethlehem and released him at 17:40, after liaison with the Israeli
	authorities (through the DCO).
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#### • Closure:

- (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.
- <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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a Palestinian National Security officer.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and arrested a member of the town's municipal council.
- (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched 1 house.
- (iii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and arrested 3 civilians.

#### • Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the overpass

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to the town of Halhul arrested Nour Nabeel ash Sharabati, a Palestinian National Security officer.

(ii) The Israeli army arrested Anwar Abdul Raheem Harb in the town of Beit Ula.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Adh Dhahiriya:

- (iii) Sufian Sameeh al Hawarin;
- (iv) As'ad Nayef al Hawarin; and
- (v) Jihad Nayef al Hawarin.
- <u>Attack on Property</u>: At 08:55, the Israeli army closed 8 commercial shops in the old city of Hebron for a period of 3 months.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 23:35, a group of Israeli settlers surrounded a house belonging to Hamzeh 'Odeh in the village of Fuqeiqis.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack: <ol> <li>At noon on 09 August 2007, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line east of the Eastern Cemetery east of the town of Jabalya. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory.</li> <li>At 14:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>At 20:30, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>At dawn on 10 August 2007, 6 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> <li>In the morning on 10 August 2007, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Attacks/Injury: At 16:00, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations near Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing on the Green Line towards 2 civilians as they approached the Green Line east of Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood east of Gaza city. As a result, 1 civilian was killed and the other injured. In addition, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians, while they were attempting to evacuate the killed and injured civilians.</li> <li>Killing: The Israeli army killed Abdul Sattar Shamali east of Ash Shjuja'iya neighbourhoods east of Gaza city.</li> <li>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack/Air Patrols:</li></ul>

	<ul> <li>(ii) In the morning on 10 August 2007, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(iii) In the morning on 10 August 2007, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned near Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing on the Green Line east of Gaza city. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory. Additionally, Israeli combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul> <li>Attack: In the morning on 09 August 2007, the Israeli army opened fire from one its locations near Kessufim gate on the Green Line towards and killed a mentally challenged civilian, claiming that he attempted to gain access into areas inside the Green Line.</li> <li>Killing: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Talab Abu Sha'ar, a mentally challenged civilian, near Kessufim gate.</li> </ul>
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
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>Air Attack/Destruction of Property: At 21:00, Israeli combat helicopters fired 3 missiles towards and damaged the surveillance tower at Yasser 'Arafat International Airport.</li> <li>Attack: At 13:00, the Israeli army fired 2 missile mortars from one of its locations near Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah, while armed Palestinian individuals were attempting to fire mortars towards the Green Line.</li> <li>Raids/Air Patrols/Attack/House Occupations/Land Levelling: At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 15 tanks and armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided An Nahda neighbourhood as well as the area surrounding Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army also opened fire, fired tank shells, occupied a number of houses, and converted them into military posts. In addition, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. Furthermore, the Israeli army searched a number of houses, levelled agricultural land, and withdrew at 01:00.</li> </ul>