مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 30 August 2008 – 08:00, 31 August 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Arrests (per person)	6	_	6	5 in Tubas & 1 in Hebron
Detentions	19	_	19	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	17	_	17	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 2 in Tubas
Closure of Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 3 in Jenin
Attacks	4	_	4	2 in raids & 2 in confrontations
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	52	_	52	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 3 in Jerusalem
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. using a wild dog to attack a little girl
TOTAL	162	5	167	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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.		
JERUSALEM	 Closure: 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: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-Bareed to al-Ram town to complete Wall construction in the area. 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. Checkpoints: 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. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions on the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Rafat and impeded civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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 al-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.

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. As of 18:30 on 28 June 2008, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Um Safafa and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Burqa and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Jarir. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area.
	Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed west of 'Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. Flying Checkpoints: At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Seer and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Maithaloun and the village of Sanur. At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. 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.
TOUBAS	 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. Raids: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Wadi Al Far'a and arrested 5 civilians while hunting, including a Palestinian National Security officer. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Khallet Abu Salah near the city of Tubas and patrolled the area. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the area of Wadi Al Far'a the civilians:

	 (i) Officer Waheed Najm Muhammad Nawasrah; (ii) Jihad Hussein Saleh Ash Shaikh Ibrahim; (iii) Nayef Muhammad Hardan; (iv) Subhi Sudqi Aardah; and (v) Munther Hussein. Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. Raid: At 11:20, the Israeli army raided Tulkarm city and Tulkarm refugee camp. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the refugee camp. The Israeli army withdrew at 12:00. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. Raids: At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the towns of Azzun and Kafr Thulth and patrolled the area until 17:00. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a school and 5 houses after detaining their residents, confiscated the ID of a civilian and withdrew at 03:45. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction was resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
NABLUS	• Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western

	entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting Deir al-Hatab village to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to open the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. in both directions from 06:00 until 17:00. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. At 06:45, the Israeli army closed Za'tara junction checkpoint for allegedly locating a suspicious object and re-opened it at 07:25. Raid: At 17:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf until 17:35. Settler Violence: At 23:50, a group of settlers threw stones towards civilian vehicles traveling on Za'tara junction. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	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. 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the D.C.O. checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access.

Closure: (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. Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing (ii) civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As Sidr in the city of Beit **BETHLEHEM** Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Za'tara and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At dawn on 30 August 2008, the Israeli army raided the village of (i) Husan and searched a kindergarten. At 17:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Ubaydia town. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Al Bugai'a located near (iii) the town of Taqu'a, opened fire and fired light flares while conducting exercises and withdrew at 22:30. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village. **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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 **HEBRON** the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to (ii) implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling 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:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following (i) locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir

leading to the town of Halhoul; 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 neighborhood 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 traveling 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.
- (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 bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Wadi Al Quaff that leads to the town of Tarqumiya.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate installed on Farsh Al Hawa junction, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing from 05:00 to 07:00, and from 09:00 to 13:00.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to the town of Halhul and prevented traffic access until 19:10.
- (ii) At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Ad Dhahiriya town and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ad Dhahiriya town. Again at 21:50, the Israeli army raided the area. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while searching a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested a civilian.
- (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided Dura town. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided Arab Ar Ramadin village and searched 4 houses.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested in Ad Dhahiriya town the civilian Sari Mansour Muhammad Abu Allan.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 10:00, a group of settlers made a wild dog attack a child near Al Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. Consequently, a number of civilians intervened and prevented the dog from harming the girl.
- (ii) At 16:00, a group of settlers near Al Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron attempted to attack 2 female civilians. As a result, a fight erupted between a number of civilians and the settlers. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area.

- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 23:00, the Palestinian side extradited to the Israeli side, through military liaison, a settler who entered the town of Halhul by mistake.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• The cease-fire agreement is holding. It started at 06:00 on 19 June 2008 and included, *inter alia*, a complete cessation of all hostilities.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially opened (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed for Shabbat. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed for Shabbat.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is partially opened to allow the exit of those stranded in Gaza Strip who have residence permits abroad, holders of foreign passports, Egyptian nationals, sick people and for entry of civilians stranded on the Egyptian side). (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed for Shabbat. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed for Shabbat.