# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00, 29 July 2008 – 08:00, 30 July 2008

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Killing	1	_	1	11-year-old child in Ni'lin, Ramallah
Arrests (per person)	11	_	11	Incl. a child & a woman civilian
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	43	_	43	Incl. 2 on Qalqiliya & 1 on Tubas
Closure of Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. access impeded at 11 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 4 in Salfit & 1 in Qalqiliya
Attacks	4	_	4	Incl. 3 attacks during confrontations
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	57	_	57	Incl. 1 in Qalqiliya & 1 in Jericho
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. against the Wall in Ni'lin, Ramallah
TOTAL	201	3	204	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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## WEST BANK The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up **ALL** on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the DISTRICTS northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. 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:** (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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-(ii) Bareed to al-Ram town to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt (iii) 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

#### JERUSALEM.

- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 06:00, a group of settlers entered the town of Anata in an attempt to put their hands on a house (the Israeli army demolished this house in the past and was re-built with the assistance of the Israeli Peace Now Movement). Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the house and the town. The Israeli army was still in the town during the preparation of this report.
- 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 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 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 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.

#### **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement (i) 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 (ii) 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. At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh (i) and patrolled he area until 16:50. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Arura. (ii) **RAMALLAH** (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. & At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Mazra'a Al Qibliya, (iv) **EL BIREH** searched a house and arrested a child. **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested in the town of Al Mazra'a Al Qibliya the civilians Muhammad Farhat Muhammad Shreiteh, 17-year-old. **Settler Violence**: At 10:45, a group of settlers from the settlement of Shilo cut a number of olive trees in the village of Al Maghir. **Demonstration:** At 16:30, a demonstration set about in the town of Ni'lin against the Wall with the participation of international peace activists. Confrontations took place between demonstrators and the Israeli army killing 1 child and wounding 3 civilians, and causing suffocation to 7 civilians as a result of inhaling tear-gas. Killing: The Israeli army killed in the town of Ni'lin the civilian Ahmad Husam Yousef Mousa, 11-year-old. 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. 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. Raids: (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, searched (ii) a number of houses and arrested 3 civilians. At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Brugin. (iii) **JENIN Arrests**: The Israeli army arrested in the town of Qabatiya the civilians: (i) Khaled Rasheed Zayoud; Naser Zakarneh; and (ii) Yousef Mu'ayyad Abu Zeid. (iii) 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.

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TOUBAS	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Tubas and the town of Aqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 17:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians while patrolling the area.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm. Again at 03:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area.</li> <li>At 23:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Baqa Ash Sharqia and Zeita.</li> <li>At 23:45, the Israeli army raided Bal'a town and arrested a civilian.</li> <li>At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Attil town and searched a house.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests: <ol> <li>On 29 July 2008, the Israeli army arrested the civilian Abdulrahim Jamil Sabah from the town of Qaffin upon reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Agency after issuing him with a summon at Irtah Crossing on the Green Line.</li> <li>The Israeli army arrested in Bal'a town the civilian Tareq Majed Mahmoud Al Ashqar.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jayyus town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jayyus town.</li> <li>At 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qaqiliya city.</li> <li>Wall Gates:</li> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> <li>• Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</li> <li>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 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 the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads around the town of Beita leading to the town of Aqraba and the villages of Osarin and Odala.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Beit Furik checkpoint: At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the are between the city of Nablus and Asira Ash Shamaliya town.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 08:00, the Israeli army raided Nablus city and searched a building.</li> <li>At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Badhan village.</li> <li>At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Zawata village and arrested a civilian.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army raided Zawata village and arrested a civilian.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army raided Zawata village and patroled poposite the ICRC headquarters in Nablus city demanding the release of the political prisoner Said Al Ataba who is spending his 32<sup></sup></li></ol></li></ul>
SALFIT	• Closure of Main Roads:  (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf.

- (ii) 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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Hares village and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:30.
- (ii) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.
- (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Hares.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, set up a flying checkpoint at its entrance and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Hares. Again at 22:20, he Israeli army raided and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bidya town.
- (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Ad Dik town.
- (v) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin, searched a house and issued a summon to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency.
- (vi) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided Qira village, searched 2 houses, issued summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency and withdrew at 23:00.
- (vii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Hares, searched a number of houses and issued summons to civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency.
- (viii) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided Marada village and searched 5 houses.
- (ix) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided Iskaka village, searched 3 houses and withdrew at 00:10.
- <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 Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.

# JERICHO

- <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>: 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.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) On 28 July 2008, the Israeli army arrested at Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing the woman civilian Suhaila Shaker Shalash from the village of Shuqba upon her return from Jordan.
- (ii) On 28 July 2008, the Israeli army arrested at Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing the civilian Ashraf Fathi Al Janazrah from Al Arrub refugee camp.
- (iii) On 29 July 2008, the Israeli army arrested at Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing the civilian Haytham Salah Ewais from Jenin refugee camp while traveling to Jordan.

#### • 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.
- (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum 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.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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 Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 11:55, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Container checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

#### **BETHLEHEM**

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Ta'mar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Braith'a and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army raided Dar Salah village, set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. Again at 18:20, the Israeli army raided the area and set up another flying checkpoint.
- (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 01:40.
- (iv) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and patrolled the area until 01:40.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues 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 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 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:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following 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) On 29 July 2008, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the road of Wadi Ash Shajnah which connects the town of Dura to road # 60, and the road that connects the village of Abda to road # 60.
- **Flying Checkpoint**: At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### Raids:

- (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided Hebron city. Again at 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city, set up a flying checkpoint in Bi'r Al Mahjar and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Surif town. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area.

#### **HEBRON**

- (iii) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Kahil town.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested in Hebron city the civilian Firas Muhammad Salaymeh.
- <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 al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

• As of 06:00 on 19 June 2008, the Egyptian-brokered ceasefire agreement between Palestine and Israel is holding. The *tahdia* (calm) includes, *inter alia*, a complete cessation of all hostilities. The agreement has been reached with Israel through Egyptian mediators.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially opened (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of basic necessities.</li> <li>Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of fuel.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:</li> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of food and goods.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>

#### **GENERAL**

#### • Sentences:

# (i) The Israeli military court at Ofer Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced political prisoner Jamal Hussein Kan'an from the village of Bil'in in Ramallah district to 30 days in prison because his daughter photographed the Israeli army while shooting the civilian Ashraf Jum'a, with his hands tied up, during a demonstration against the Wall in the town of Bil'in.

## POLTIICAL PRISONERS

- (ii) The Israeli military court sentenced political prisoners: Muhammad Akram Yousef Al Hassan from Qalqiliya city to 8 months in prison and a fine of 1000 shekel (US\$290); Mu'tasem Khalouf frm Birqin in enin district to 13 months in prison and a fine of 2000 shekel (US\$580); Muhammad Mahmoud Nafe' from Tulkarm city to 16 months in prison and a fine of 2000 shekel (US\$580); Nidal Abdulrahman Khaled from the town o Jayyus in Qalqiliya district to 13 months in prison and a fine of 2000 shekel (US\$580); Zeidan Abdulghani Diab from the town of Beita in Nablus district to 7 months in prison, 18 months probation and a fine of 2000 shekel (US\$580); Iyad Muhammad Sarhan from Tubas city to 17 months in prison and a fine of 1000 shekel (US\$290); and Mu'tasem Quouzah from Al Far'a village in Tubas district to 14 months in prison and a fine of 2000 shekel (US\$580).
- <u>Administrative Detention</u>: The Israeli military court extended orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) for varied periods against 17 political prisoners from different districts of the West Bank.