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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 September 2005 – 08:00 05 September 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	4	7	11	Incl. 2 during raids & 7 from posts
Raids	15	1	16	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 1 in Rafah
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Helicopters over Bethlehem district
Arrests	3	1	4	Incl. 1 child and 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	18	_	18	Incl. 1 Pal. National Security officer
Land Levelling		1	1	Near the Green Line in eastern Rafah
Wall Construction	24	_	24	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Beth., Salfit, Qalq.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	6 sheep slaughtered near Ma'on
House Occupation	1	_	1	Near Kiryat Arba' in Hebron
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	Access restricted to permit holders
Flying Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	5	_	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	*	(9)		*Incl. vicinity of settlements in Jenin
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Incl. Um ar Rihan Wall gate closed
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	Incl. 3 partially open
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	51 housing units to be constructed
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Incl. farmers pursued south of Yatta
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	2	2	Open fire towards 2 Pal. Locations
Pal. Security Measures	2	_	2	Incl. Jewish worshippers protected
TOTAL	89	16	105	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around of Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Khan al Ahmar junction along the Jerusalem-Jericho main road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Settlement Activity: Israeli authorities announced a decision to construct 51 housing units in the settlement of Ma'ale Hasidim in the neighbourhood of Ras al 'Amud in the city of Jerusalem. The units will replace the Israeli Police Headquarters, which will be transferred to the new settlement neighbourhood in the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, and in the town of Beituniya. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. Raids: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 1 house, and served a summons to 1 civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Sira, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched 1 house. The Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrests: At 16:30, the Israeli army arrested Usamah Makhlouf, a Palestinian National Security officer, from an unidentified location.

	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Salem Yasser al 'Ammouri in the city of El Bireh.
JENIN	 Closure of Settlement Evacuation Areas: The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Israeli settlements that were evacuated in the district of Jenin. The Israeli army has designated alternate roads, including detour routes, connecting towns and villages to the city of Jenin for civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of 'Arraba with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up in the vicinity of the village of Imreiha south of the town of Ya'bad, along the road connecting the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem, and to deny civilian access in both directions. The Israeli army continues to close Al Jalama Commercial Crossing, preventing civilians from crossing. The Israeli army has opened Salim Crossing as an alternative, which is open 3 days a week from 09:00 until 13:00. The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian movement (except for humanitarian cases) through Um ar Rihan (Shaked) gate to 3 hours daily from 07:00–08:00, 12:00–13:00, and 14:00–15:00. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raids: At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba and fired tear gas grenades while patrolling the area. Due to tear gas inhalation, 1 civilian was injured and later transported to hospital for medical treatment. At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the village of Az Zawiya, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 05:00. Detention: Beginning on 15 August 2005, the Israeli army has continued to prohibit residents of 10 houses in the district of Jenin, in the area closed for settlement evacuation between the town of Qaffin and the settlement of Homesh, from travelling to neighbouring villages.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of Qaffin with cement blocks and barbed wire. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the village of Shufa with cement blocks and dirt barricades.

	and the village of Al 'Atara with dirt barricades. (v) The Israeli army continues to close Al Kafriyat road at Jubara checkpoint, rerouting Palestinian civilian traffic to a new 3-km-long tunnel connecting the districts of Qalqiliya and Tulkarem. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to Jubara tunnel south of the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 23:50, the Israeli army fired flares over the area between the town of 'Anabta and the settlement of 'Einav. • Raid: At 00:50, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Bal'a and searched 4 houses. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 12:00, a Palestinian Engineering Unit defused 1 old mortar located in the village of Ramin, after coordinating with the Israeli authorities.
QALQILIYA	 (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Funduq and Hajja and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. Raids: At 23:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Furik. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqi.

SALFIT	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the main northwestern entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat near the Green Line, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the villages of Marda and Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, in the area between the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Deir Ghassana and on the
	overpass to the village of Iskaka, and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00.
JERICHO	 Closure: The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to prevent farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their agricultural land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for holders of Jerusalem and Jericho ID cards. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint, connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, and to impede civilian access. Palestinian Security Measure: At 07:00, Palestinian security forces accompanied and provided protection for a number of Jewish worshippers while they were visiting a synagogue in the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man, in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers civilians' residence in the village illegal. Checkpoints: At 20:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') and Beit Jala (the 'DCO') checkpoints, impeding civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. Flying Checkpoint/Detention: At 22:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr, detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time. Raids: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 22:05, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched a number of houses, claiming that 1 Molotov cocktail was thrown along Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem. At 15:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Dar Salah.

	Air Patrol: At 18:45, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Bethlehem.
HEBRON	 Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shallala old and new streets in the H1 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks located 300 meters inside the H1 section. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'. Fiving Checkpoint: At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Detention: (i) At 08:05, Israeli army infantry forces raided the area of Bab az Zawiya in the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, examined civilians' IDs, and detained a number of civilians. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrest: At 10:00 on 03 September 2005, Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along Wadi al Quff road leading to the towns of Tarqumiya and Beit Ula (as was reported yesterday) arrested Ra'fat Rashed al Batran, a university student. House Occupation/Detention: The Israeli army occupied 1 house belonging to Amjad ar Rajabi near the settlement of Kiryat Arba' in the old city of Hebron, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room. Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on south of the town of Yatta pursued farmers and shepherds while they were on their land, and slaughtered 6 sheep after unleashing vicious dogs on them.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.
- <u>Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 14:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the vicinity of Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya.

GAZA	 Closure of Main Roads: Ash Shuhada' – Netzarim Junction remains closed. Ash Shuhada' Junction - Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed. Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 14:05, the Israeli army opened fire from the area surrounding Al Hajj Fadhl factory on the Eastern Line towards 1 Palestinian National Security location south of Gaza city. Arrest: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested Abdul Rahman Abu Shammaleh, a 17-year-old mentally challenged child, near Point 106 on the Green Line south of Gaza city, claiming that he attempted to gain access into areas inside the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure of Main Roads: (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed. (iii) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. (iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (v) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (vi) Abu Holi road is closed. The Israeli army opened Salah ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints from 14:00 until 15:00. Attack: At 18:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 7 and 8 towards Palestinian territory in Al Amal neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	 Closure of Main Road: Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed. Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed to Palestinian civilians under the age of 35. Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. Attacks: At 19:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate towards neighbouring civilian houses. At 00:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the evacuated settlement of Rafiah Yam towards Tall as Sultan neighbourhood west of the city of Rafah. At 01:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 6.5 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. At 01:30, the Israeli army detonated explosives on civilian land near Points 3, 4, and 5 along the Egyptian border, claiming to be searching for tunnels near Rafah Crossing.

• Raid/Land Levelling: At 09:45, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory near Point 164 on the Green Line in the eastern Rafah district and levelled land.

GENERAL

WORK PRMITS	 Gaza Strip: Israeli authorities cancelled previously-issued access permits and issued special permits for some workers to work inside the Green Line during the current closure. Israeli authorities renewed 205 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 65 workers (approximately 32% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access the Industrial Zones. Israeli authorities renewed 265 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, only 219 workers (approximately 83% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line. Israeli authorities issued permits for 85 workers from the Gaza Strip to stay overnight inside the Green Line.
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