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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 September 2004 – 08:00 08 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	1 child, injuries sustained on 19/05
Injuries	2	1	3	Incl. 1 child and several students
Attacks	7	5	12	Incl. 6 in raids & 2 from mil. posts
Raids	25	7	32	Incl. continued presence in Nablus
Air Patrols		2	2	Over Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanun
Arrests (per person)	27	1	28	Incl. 1 male child & 1 female child
Detentions	3	2	5	Incl. in a residential compound
Destruction of Property	3	1	4	1 gas station, 1 vehicle, crops
Land Levelling	2	2	4	17 dunums in Ramallah & Yatta
Wall Construction	16	_	16	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
House Occupations	(Many)	_	(Many)	In the city of Nablus
Curfews	2		2	In Silat Adh Dhahr and Silwad
Checkpoints	All		All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)		Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Hebron city closed military zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(6)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points		5	5	1 partially open
School Disruption	3		3	Incl. 4 schools disrupted in Silwad
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. raid on National Security Hq.
Palestinian Attacks		6	6	7 Qassam mortars & 2 mortars
TOTAL	91	34	125	

DISTRICT EVENT

ALL DISTRICTS

Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues along the main road between Qalandiya checkpoint and Ar Ram, the area of Al Aqbat, north of the village of 'Anata, in the area between the villages of Jaba' and Hizma, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Land Levelling: On 7 September 2004, the Israeli army levelled 2 dunums (0.5 acres) of land cultivated with trees near the settlement of Beit II. Raids/School Disruption/Curfew: Beginning at 01:30 on 6 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of Silwad and continues to impose curfew. Classes were disrupted in 4 schools serving 1,792 students as a result of the curfew. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. At 08:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah and arrested 2 civilians. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 civilian building after evacuating its residents, took photographs of them, and recorded their ID and telephone numbers. At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and searched 1 house.

	(iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Kafr 'Ein
	and Mazari' An Nubani.
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Ramallah:
	(i) Hassan Mousa; and
	(ii) Amjad Sidqi.
JENIN	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Raid/Curfew/School Disruption: Beginning at 04:00 on 6 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of Silat Adh Dhahr, continues to impose curfew, searched several houses, and arrested 4 civilians. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards the town's elementary school, injuring several students as a result of tear gas inhalation. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Silat Adh Dhahr: Thaer Nader Mousa; As'ad Abdul Rahim Hantuli; Khalid Abdul Hadi Hantuli; and Sami Tyaseer Mousa.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Attack: At 00:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire at the entrance to the village of Zeita. Raids:
	(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks, raided the city of

	Tulkarem and its suburbs. At 13:10, the Israeli army raided the city again and detained 1 civilian. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, raided and searched Palestinian National Security Headquarters, arrested 1 officer, searched several houses, arrested 4 civilians, and withdrew at 04:30. (ii) At 13:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards the town's elementary school. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Tulkarem: (i) Imad Khalid Abdul 'Aal, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Bashir Bsharat; (iii) Mahmoud Hasanein Ash Shalabi; (iv) Mohammed Mahir Mahjneh; and (v) Haytham Mohammed Mansourti.
QALQILYA	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.
NABLUS	 Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Raids/House Occupations: (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle, occupied many civilian buildings, converted them into military posts, and destroyed 1 civilian vehicle using explosives. At 06:50, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched several houses, and arrested 5 civilians. The Israeli army remains positioned in the city as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata and arrested 1 civilian. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus: (i) Raed Al Hindi; (ii) Ahmed Mifleh Suleiman; (iii) Mousa Fawzi; (iv) Ala' As Surouji; and (v) Fayez Lubbadeh. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Hafeth Abdul Rahim 'Uleiwi in the village of Zawata.

SALFIT	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Raids: At 14:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and searched 1 house. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Haris, opened indiscriminate fire, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 23:30.
JERICHO	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army also prevented truck drivers holding Palestinian Authority-issued IDs from entering the city, while allowing trucks to either unload or have their drivers replaced.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), along road # 60 towards the village of Husan, in Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja. Raids: (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 female child. (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur. (iii) At 22:35, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Asakira and patrolled the area until 00:20. (iv) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched 1 civilian building after detaining its residents, and arrested 2 civilians in Ad Duheisha refugee camp.

	 Arrests: At 01:30 on 7 September 2004, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child, in addition to those reported yesterday, during its raid on the town of Al Khadr: Rami Abed Al Jamal, 17 years old; Abdullah Salah ad Din Salah; and Ahmed Nu'man Abdul Qadir. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in 'Ayda refugee camp: Rania Mahmoud Abu Jadu, 17-year-old female civilian; and Iyad Fu'ad Ilayyan. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Ad Duheisha refugee camp: Ahmed Isa Gharib; and
HEBRON	 (vii) Mohammed Ibrahim 'Abdeh. Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Beit 'Awwa in the area between the villages of Khirbet Ba'er, north of the town of Beit 'Awwa, and Khirbet Um Al 'Aqaf, south of the village of As Sikka. Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled approximately 15 dunums (3.75 acres) of agricultural land in the village of At Tawani, southeast of the town of Yatta, near the settlement of Ma'on. Raids: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods. At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened intensive fire, and injured and arrested 1 civilian after searching his house. The Israeli army remains positioned in the city as of 08:00 this morning. The Israeli army raided the village of Fuqeiqis and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 'Adel Omar Az Za'tari in the city of Hebron. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Fuqeiqis: 'Uday Yousef An Nammourah; Fadi Yousef An Nammourah.

GAZA STRIP

	Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed.	
NORTHERN	• Attacks:	
GAZA	(i) At 13:15, Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards the area	
	adjacent to the College of Agriculture in the town of Beit Hanun.	
	(ii) At 06:40, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells towards the area of the	

	Civil Administration on Salah ad Din road north of the town of
	Jabalya. • Raids:
	(i) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory in Zammu road, took position near Hammoudeh gas station, opened intensive fire, and levelled the gas station south of the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
	(ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 5 tanks, raided Palestinian territory and took position near An Nada towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
	(iii) At 05:20, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near the Education District Office and Quleibu hill on the outskirts of the town of Beit Lahiya. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area and tanks fired several shells towards the neighbourhood of Tall Az Za'tar in the town. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Palestinian Attacks:
	(i) At 09:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 15:35, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	 Closure: (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) At 11:25, the Israeli army closed Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road by digging large holes in it and setting up dirt barricades. The road remains closed as of 08:00 this morning. (iii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Raid: At 18:00, an Israeli army jeep raided Palestinian territory east of the Sheikh 'Ajlin junction south of Gaza city and ordered Palestinian National
	Security officers to evacuate their location. • Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 12:10, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsarim. (ii) At 12:50, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsarim.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 21:25, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsarim. (ii) At 00:30, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar
	Darom.

	• <u>Closure</u> :
	(i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.
	(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.
	(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open
	to pedestrians only.
	(iv) Abu Holi road is closed. At 09:30, and again at 21:20, the Israeli army
	closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. The road remains
KHAN YUNIS	closed as of 08:00 this morning.
	Raids/Land Levelling:
	(i) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided the area of As Satr Al Gharbi north
	of the city of Kahn Yunis, levelled agricultural land, and withdrew at
	06:30.
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	Kissufim road in the area of Al Qarara.
	• Closure:
	(i) Gaza International Airport remains closed.
	(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.
	(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.
	• Raid: At 17:10, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided
RAFAH	the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp and opened
	intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 1 civilian.
	• <u>Killing</u> : At 17:30, Yousef Abu Libdeh, 16 years old, died of injuries
	sustained on 19 May 2004 during an Israeli army air attack on a civilian
	demonstration in the city of Rafah.
	• Arrest: At 09:00, the Israeli army arrested 'Awad Nathem Isa on the
	Rafah border crossing as he was returning from Egypt.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 Suspension of Hunger Strike: In response to pleas by political prisoners in Israeli prisons, Palestinian Legislative Council member and political prisoner Marwan Al Barghouthi suspended his hunger strike, which lasted for a total of 25 days. Release of Political Prisoners: In an apparent response to overcrowding in Israeli prisons, Israeli authorities released 137 political prisoners whose sentences have almost ended. Political Prisoners' Health Conditions: After visiting Ketziot Military Prison Camp, attorneys confirmed that ill prisoners require immediate medical treatment. Cases include political prisoner Nihad Abu Sharkh, who was shot in the chest, stomach, and legs during his arrest, and is only receiving painkillers.
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West Bank: (i) Israeli authorities renewed 4,639 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. Israeli authorities continue to refuse work permits for workers in the (ii) district of Jericho to cross the Green Line. (iii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. **WORK Gaza Strip: PERMITS** (i) Israeli authorities renewed 1,267 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, beginning on 31 August 2004, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zones. Israeli authorities renewed 5,083 work permits for workers to cross the (ii) Green Line. However, beginning on 1 September 2004, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line. (iii) Israeli authorities permitted 2,609 construction workers, including 2,000 workers currently working inside the Green Line, to remain overnight inside the Green Line.