مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 10 September 2004 – 08:00 11 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	7	41	48	Incl. 4 children
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 6 in raids & 2 from mil. posts
Raids	16	2	18	Incl. raid on Northern Gaza
Air Patrol		1	1	Helicopters over Northern Gaza
Arrests (per person)	6		6	Incl. 1 Palestinian officer
Detentions	4		4	Incl. at checkpoints
House Demolitions		41	41	In Northern Gaza, incl. 26 partially
Destruction of Property		2	2	Crops & infrastructure in N. Gaza
Land Levelling		1	1	Agricultural land in Northern Gaza
House Occupations	2	1	3	Incl. in Tulkarem & Deir Al Hatab
Curfews	3		3	Incl. in Asira Ash Shamaliya
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)	(5)	(Most)	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)		(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points		5	5	1 partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1		1	Consuming alcohol in Al Aqsa
Settler Violence	1		1	Settlers raid Al Aqsa compound
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. detaining Pal. officers
Palestinian Attack		1	1	1 Qassam mortar
TOTAL	47	100	147	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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. The Israeli army prohibited worshipers from other districts from accessing Jerusalem, forcing many civilians to conduct prayers near the outer gates of Al Aqsa mosque and at checkpoints. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. Attack: At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Qalandiya checkpoint towards civilians in Qalandiya refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian. Settler Violence: Israeli settlers raided Al Aqsa Mosque compound and drank wine during the wedding celebration of the settlement of Tekoa's rabbi, which took place inside the Mosque compound.
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 was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Israeli authorities decided to change the route of the Wall in the village of Rantis. Raids/Curfew: At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha Al Misbah and imposed curfew.

	 (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Abwein and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 3 civilians, including 2 children. (iii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and searched 1 house. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again.
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 was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.
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. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Qaffin, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. Raids: At 19:00, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, detained several civilians for an extended period of time,
	fired sound and tear gas grenades towards civilians, and patrolled several neighbourhoods. At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian, occupied 1 civilian building overlooking the main road leading to the city of Nablus, and converted it into a military post. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 21:35, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army took position at the northern entrance to the camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 04:00.
QALQILYA	• <u>Closure</u> : 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/Curfew: Beginning at 17:30 on 9 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of 'Asira Ash Shamaliya, where it continues to impose curfew. The Israeli army forced civilians between the ages of 16 and 40 to gather in the school yards and withdrew at 21:45. At 19:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Deir Al Hatab, imposed curfew, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. At 24:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested Amin Akram Mahroum at Huwwara checkpoint. The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Abu Zahu at a flying checkpoint set up at one of the entrances to the city of Nablus.
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. Raid: At 11:00, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided and patrolled the city of Salfit and the village of Bruqin.
JERICHO	 Closure: 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. Arrest: At 10:20, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed Ali As Salahat, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, on Al Karamah (Allenby) Bridge on his way back from Jordan.

Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district. (i) closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing. The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village (ii) 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 was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), along road # 60 **BETHLEHEM** towards the village of Husan, in Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja. (i) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. At 18:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and (ii) pursued 2 children, causing them to fall off their bicycles. The 2 children were injured and admitted to hospital. At 21:00, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 (iv) house after detaining its residents outside, arrested 3 civilians, and withdrew at 03:50. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Bethlehem: (i) Rashad Sagr Al Huroub; Haytham Sagr Al Huroub; and (ii) Saleem Sagr Al Huroub. (iii) **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: Land levelling for wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Idhna and Beit 'Awwa in the area between the villages of Khirbet Ba'er, north of the town of Beit 'Awwa, **HEBRON** and Khirbet Um Al 'Aqaf, south of the village of As Sikka. Raid: At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, patrolled several neighbourhoods, and detained Palestinian Joint Patrol officers for some time before releasing them. **Detention:** The Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians at several checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Hebron and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city to reach their homes or workplaces. The Israeli army also obstructed Friday worshippers from accessing the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. Attack: At 20:00, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards 1 Palestinian National Security location east of the town of Beit Lahiya. Raid/Land Levelling: Beginning at 01:30 on 8 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned inside Palestinian territory south of the town of Beit Hanun. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies and opened fire, and tanks fired shells towards civilian houses, injuring 41 civilians, many critically. The Israeli army continues to occupy a number of houses, and levelled vast areas of land. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 41 houses (26 partially) south of the town of Beit Hanun, north of the town of Beit Lahiya and the area surrounding the northern part of the town of Jabalya and Jabalya refugee camp. The houses' owners include: Mohammed Mheisen; Kamal 'Asaliyyeh; Bassam Hassan Al Bahri; Omar Hassan Al Bahri; and Ali Hassan Al Bahri. Palestinian Attack: At 09:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	• Closure: (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) At 04:00 on 11 September 2004, Sheikh 'Ajlin road was reopened. (iii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided the area of Abu 'Arif, south of the city of Deir Al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	Closure: (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 closed. (iv) At 07:00, Abu Holi road was partially reopened.
RAFAH	• Closure: (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.