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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 September 2004 – 08:00 13 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	2	2	Of injuries sustained earlier
Physical Assaults	5	_	5	Incl. 1 child severely beaten
Injuries	1	3	4	All children, incl. a 5-year-old
Attacks	4	8	12	2 during raids, 8 from mil. posts
Raids	15	1	16	Incl. cont. presence in Rafah RC
Air Patrols	2		2	Incl. helicopters over Hebron
Arrests (per person)	12	3	15	Incl. 1 female child & 1 male child
Detentions	7	2	9	Incl. students at checkpoints
Wall Construction	17	_	17	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
House Occupations	2		2	In Nablus
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	2 partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1		1	Raid on 1 mosque in Al Khadr
School Disruptions	2	_	2	Incl. raid on teachers' institute
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Constructing 1 barbed wire fence
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Hostile rally of extremist settlers
Construction of Mil. Posts	_	2	2	East of the town of Beit Hanun
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	1	1	Open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks		4	4	4 Qassam mortars
TOTAL	70	31	101	

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. Beginning on 11 September 2004 until the end of the Jewish holidays celebrating the Hebrew New Year, the Israeli army intensified the closure between the West Bank and the Green Line. 		

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: (i) 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. (ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Settler Violence: A rally of extremist settlers marched in the city of Jerusalem under the protection of the Israeli army. Israeli settlers carried slogans calling for killing and expelling the Arabs, and provoked Palestinian civilians' sentiments in the city.
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 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: At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima, searched several houses, and arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the city of

	Ramallah and surrounded and raided the Teachers' Institute. The Israeli army detained 28 students, served them summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence, and withdrew at 03:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Rima: (i) Younis Shafiq Ar Rimawi, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer; and (ii) Muntaser Zakariya Ar Rimawi. • School Disruption: On 11 September 2004, classes were disrupted in 3 schools serving 1541 students in the village of Kharbatha Al Misbah as a result of the curfew imposed by the Israeli army.
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. Flying Checkpoints: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Sanur and Misliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Az Zababida and 'Aqqaba and halted 1 bus transporting students back from a school trip to the village of Az Zababida. The Israeli army detained 5 female students and 3 male students for not carrying their IDs. The Israeli army also opened fire towards Priest Aktham Hijazin, Pastor of the Latin Community, in the village of Az Zababida as he approached the checkpoint to bring the IDs of the detained students in order to release them. The Israeli army set up military checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Tubas, detained dozens of civilians, including children, women and elderly, and prevented them from reaching their homes. Raids: At 16:00, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 child. The Israeli army raided the village of Az Zababida. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Nour Yousef 'Ubeid at the checkpoint set up in the area between the villages of Sanur and Misliya.

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 07:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Tulkarem, thereby obstructing civilian movement between the city and neighbouring towns and villages. Raid: At 08:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and took position in several neighbourhoods. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again until 07:00. Air Patrol: At 07:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem.
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. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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: At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Qusin, took position in several neighbourhoods, occupied 2 civilian houses, converted them into military posts, and arrested 1 female child. At 17:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 23:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil, searched several houses, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Yusra Mahmoud 'Abdu, a 17-year-old female child, in the city of Nablus; and The Israeli army arrested Majid Kamal Nijm in the village of Kafr Qalil.
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. Physical Assault: The Israeli army severely beat and broke the right knee of Wisam Abdul Hakim Ad Dik, a child, near the village of Kafr Ad Dik.
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. The Israeli army also prevented 1948 Palestinians (Palestinian Arabs holding Israeli IDs/citizenship), Jerusalem ID holders, and West Bank ID holders from entering the city of Jericho. Entrance was only permitted to Jericho ID holders. Flying Checkpoints: At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the main road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al Jiftlik, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 child. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Sa'id Bsharat, 17 years old, at a checkpoint set up between the city of Jericho and the village of Jiftlik.
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. Physical Assaults: (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army, positioned at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Al Walaja, severely beat Mahmoud Al A'raj, after which he was admitted to hospital. (ii) At 16:45, the Israeli army, positioned at Al Khadr checkpoint, severely beat Muhanna Yousef Khallawi, a Palestinian Police officer, after which he was admitted to hospital.

• Raids:

- (i) At 16:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilian vehicles until 24:00.
- (ii) At 20:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, searched several houses, raided the town's mosque, and detained a number of civilians.
- (iii) At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol raided Al 'Aza refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja, fired sound and tear gas grenades towards civilians, detained several civilians, and severely beat a number of them.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Harbi Abu Sadud, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Bethlehem.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Wael Isma'il Al 'Adawin in Al 'Aza refugee camp.
- <u>Settlement Activity</u>: The Israeli army began erecting a barbed wire fence, measuring 2 m. in height and 1 km. in length, along the main road leading to the village of Al Walaja.

• <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. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone.

- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land levelling for wall construction continues 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, and Khirbet Um Al 'Aqaf, south of the village of As Sikka.
- Physical Assault: At 22:30, Israeli soldiers positioned at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp severely beat Isma'il Mohammed An Najjar, a Palestinian National Security officer.

Raids:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a number of checkpoints in several neighbourhoods at various times, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched several houses, detained a number of civilians, severely beat several of them, and arrested 2 civilians.
- (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched several houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 05:00.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron:
- (i) 'Atef Ali Muhanna; and
- (ii) Tamer Shaher An Natsheh.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Adh Dhahiriya:

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(iii) Mohammed Isma'il At Till; and
(iv) Yousef Mansour Al Qeisiyyeh.
• <u>Detentions</u>: 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.
• <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 17:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Hebron and its towns until 20:00.

GAZA STRIP

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NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed. Construction of Military Posts: At 13:15, the Israeli army constructed 2 military posts east of the town of Beit Hanun, one of which is in close proximity to a memorial structure. Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 02:10, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 08:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. 	
GAZA CITY	 Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. At 10:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired several tank shells towards the area surrounding the factory of Al Hajj Fadl on the eastern road, south of Gaza City. At 02:00, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells towards Palestinian territory south of Gaza city. At 02:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location at the entrance to Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing, east of Gaza city. Killing: Rawwad Ibrahim As Suweirki died of injuries sustained during an air attack on Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood on 7 September 2004. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	Palestinian Attack: At 06:25, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.	
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. Abu Holi road is partially open. At 10:00, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. At 16:45, the Israeli army closed the road again, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians. Attack: At 11:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the area 	

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	surrounding the settlement of Gadid towards civilians in An Namsawi neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians at Abu Holi checkpoint: (i) Ahmed Abu Shabab; and (ii) Raed Abu Shabab. • Palestinian Attack: At 11:30, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
RAFAH	 Closure: (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to passengers, except for male civilians between the ages of 16 and 35. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. Attacks: (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Rafiah Yam towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Tall As Sultan, injuring 3 children, including a 5-year-old child. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on watchtowers in Tall Zu'rub towards civilian houses in Tall As Sultan. Raid: At 07:30, the Israeli army, including 7 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 meters into As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and searched several houses. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Killing: At 20:00, Dawood Abdullah Abu Jazar died of injuries sustained in the head due to fire opened by the Israeli army towards Yabna neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp on 18 November 2003. Arrest: At 11:30, the Israeli army arrested Rami Hatim Hajjaj at Rafah Crossing as he was travelling to Egypt.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 Hunger Strike: 1,600 political prisoners in Ketzion Military Prison Camp went on hunger strike on 12 September 2004 in protest against the construction of 8-meter high concrete walls around and between sections of the prison, which obstruct sun light and block fresh air from reaching the prisoners. Prisoners also protested by shaking wire fences, knocking on doors, and shouting religious slogans. Isma'il Shakshak, a political prisoner under administrative detention (arrested without charge or trial), continues to go on hunger strike for the 26th consecutive day in protest against the renewal of his administrative detention for 6 more months. Shakshak's health has deteriorated and he was admitted to Ar Ramla Prison Hospital
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West Bank: Israeli authorities renewed 6,901 work permits to cross the Green Line. (i) 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. Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to (iii) civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. WORK **Gaza Strip:** (i) Israeli authorities renewed 1,267 work permits for workers in the **PERMITS** Industrial Zones. However, beginning on 31 August 2004, workers have not been allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 5,083 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, beginning on 1 September 2004, workers have not been allowed access into the Green Line. Israeli authorities permitted 2,609 construction workers, including (iii) 2,000 workers currently working inside the Green Line, to remain overnight inside the Green Line.