# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 15 September 2006 – 08:00 16 September 2006

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	10	_	10	Incl. 3 international peace activists beaten
Injuries	1	1	2	1 child and 1 female civilian
Incursion	_	1	1	Into areas east of the city of Rafah
Attacks	3	5	8	Incl. 2 in raids & 4 from military posts
Raids	17	2	19	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 6 in Bethlehem
Arrests	6	2	8	Incl. 1 child and 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	21		21	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Land Levelling		2	2	In Northern Gaza & Khan Yunis
Destruction of Property		2	2	Agricultural crops in N. Gaza & K. Yunis
Confiscation of Property	2		2	2 Kalashnikov rifles in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Tayasir, 'Einav, & Jubara partially
Flying Checkpoints	22		22	Incl. 7 in Jerusalem & 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. Jerusalem & Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	36		36	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 2 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points		7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun Crossing indefinitely
Medical Obstruction	1		1	Hebron Public hospital raided
Settler Violence	1		1	Fire opened towards 1 taxi, Bethlehem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Checkpoint near Customs Police offices
Palestinian Attacks		2	2	5 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against Wall construction in Bil'in
TOTAL	140	24	164	

DISTRICT EVENT	DISTRICT
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#### **WEST BANK**

# ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

# • <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, impeding civilian access to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers.

#### • 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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 access the city of Jerusalem.

#### **JERUSALEM**

#### • 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 Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, 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 Oatanna.
- Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 5 flying checkpoints: 2 on the junctions to settlement of Ma'ale Adumim and the area of Al Khan al Ahmar; 2 at the entrances to Dahiyat Beit Hanina and the town of Qalandiya; and 1 on the road to the village of Rafat. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.

#### **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the area (ii) between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud on the Ramallah-Jericho road as well as the western entrance to the village of Saffa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:00. **Raids/Confiscation of Property/Detention:** RAMALLAH At 01:15, the Israeli army, including 23 jeeps, raided the cities of (i) & Ramallah and El Bireh, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ramallah at **EL BIREH** Tahta, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian and confiscated 2 Kalashnikov rifles, after locating them in his vehicle. In addition, the Israeli army detained Hammoudeh ash Shafi'I, a civilian, and released him at a later time. At 00:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and (ii) patrolled the area. The Israeli army raided the village of Jifna and arrested 1 child. (iii) **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Ahsraf Abu al Kheir in the city of Ramallah. The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Tareq Nasser Abu Matar in the (ii) village of Jifna. **Demonstration/Physical Assaults:** A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets and sound grenades. The Israeli army also beat protestors with clubs, leaving 8 civilians with contusions, including 1 child and 1 female civilian, as well as 3 international peace activists. Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of **JENIN** 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. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.

	<ul> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of 'Arraba and Jaba' as well as the village of Fahma, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 12:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and patrolled the area.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr Ra'i.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem 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 following roads: the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the Dahiyat Dhinnaba-Kafr al Labad road; the Kafr al Labad-Shufa road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Masqufa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road as well as at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). At 'Einav checkpoint, the Israeli army has confined crossing times to the period between 07:00 and 17:00 every day.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
QALQILIYA	<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>Wall Gates:         <ul> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to school students under 16 years of age unless they are accompanied by one of their parents.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:</li></ul></li></ul>

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	Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released the detained officers at 15:30.  (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Salman and searched civilians and vehicles.					
	Closure of Main Roads:					
NABLUS	<ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus, as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.</li> <li>• Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol> <li>(i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00.</li> <li>(ii) Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades.</li> <li>(iii) Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00.</li> <li>(iv) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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 neighbourhood only.</li> <li>(v) Beit Furik checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>• Raid/Physical Assault: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp and searched 2 houses. The Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp and searched 1nnab while searching his house and arrested 3 civilians (brothers).</li> <li>• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Balata refugee camp:</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed 'Adel Abu Saleem;</li> <li>(iii) Ahmed 'Adel Abu Saleem;</li> </ol> </li> </ul>					
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads:         <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Checkpoints:</li> </ul>					
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.					

	<ul> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to deny access to civilians under 35 years of age. The Israeli army also denied access to the district of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.</li> <li>• Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>• Raid: At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zawiya.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	<ul> <li>Closure: 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.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho IDs.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: 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.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and to deny access to civilian vehicles, except for those possessing access permits.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, and northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>Attack/Injury: At 19:15, an Israeli army patrol travelling near the town of Tuqu' opened fire towards a number of civilians, injuring 15-year-old Mohammed Saleem Sabbah.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp.</li> <li>At 19:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr and the village of Artas.</li> <li>At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem, the town of Al Khadr, and Ad Duheisha refugee camp.</li> <li>Settler Violence: At 23:00, an Israeli settler driving a vehicle opened fire towards a Palestinian taxi near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion on the Bethlehem-Hebron main road.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
HEBRON	• Closure:  (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As 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 As Sahleh.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling 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 area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; 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 entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend: in the section between the area south of the town of Beit Ula and Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin; and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the overpass to the town of Halhul and the other on the road to the town of Beit Kahil, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: At 23:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion on the Hebron-Bethlehem main road beat Wisam Sa'di al Heimouni, after which he was transported to Hebron Public Hospital for medical treatment.
- Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Medical Obstruction: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint near the offices of the Palestinian Customs Police, and searched 1 vehicle belonging to the Customs Police as well as civilians and vehicles. At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city again as well as raided and searched Hebron Public Hospital, after having closed the hospital's entrances. In addition, the Israeli army set up 3 checkpoints in the areas of Ras al Jora, Farsh al Hawa, and Nimra and patrolled the area.
- Arrest: At 10:20, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion on the Hebron-Bethlehem main road arrested Samer Abdul Fattah Jibreel, a Palestinian National Security officer.

# **GAZA STRIP**

ALL DISTRICTS	Beginning on 25 June 2006, the Israeli army has reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the district of Northern Gaza. Beginning on 28 June 2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. At 16:30, the Israeli army closed Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing until further notice, ostensibly due to the firing of unidentified mortars towards the Green Line.</li> <li>Attacks/Injury: <ol> <li>At 08:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from one of its locations on Palestinian territory towards the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing north of the town of Beit Hanun, injuring Ghayda' al 'Agha, a female civilian.</li> <li>At 20:20, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory between the areas of Al Hawuz and Al Jamarik north of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>At 07:00, the Israeli army fired 7 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: 3 artillery shells landed on Al Qarya al Badawiya and 4 shells between the areas of Al Hawuz and Al Jamarik north of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>Raid/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: At 08:10, the Israeli army, including 8 armoured vehicles and 3 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 23 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun, levelled agricultural land, and withdrew at 09:40.</li> <li>Palestinian Attacks:</li> <li>At 05:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar landed on Palestinian territory.</li> <li>At 07:05, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, but they landed on Palestinian territory, injuring 1 female child.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:</li> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Arrests</u> : At 18:15, the Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians, while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line in the area between Points 113 and 114 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	Attack: At 23:55, an Israeli army armoured vehicle positioned at Point 152 on the Green Line opened fire towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.

	• Raid/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided the area of Al Farahin near the Green Line east of the city of Khan Yunis, levelled agricultural land, and withdrew at a later time.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Incursion: Beginning at 18:20 on 07 August 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army remains positioned around the Airport as of 08:00 this morning.</li> </ul>