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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 September 2004 – 08:00 21 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	_	2	2	In Gaza city during air attack
Killing		1	1	1 mentally handicapped civilian
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Several civilians severely beaten
Injuries	2	5	7	Incl. 4 children
Air Attack	_	1	1	On 1 civilian vehicle in Gaza city
Attacks	7	6	13	3 during raids, 8 from mil. posts
Raids	21	5	26	Incl. cont. presence in Nablus
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Helicopters over Jenin & Gaza
Arrests (per person)	33	_	33	Incl. 2 children & 1 female civilian
Detentions	4	2	6	Incl. at checkpoints
Land Levelling	_	2	2	Incl. north of Beit Lahiya
Wall Construction	17	_	17	Jer., Jenin, Ramallah, Beth. Hebron
Destruction of Property	4	5	9	Incl. burning olive oil factory
House Occupations	3	1	4	Incl. unknown number in Qarara
Curfews	3	_	3	Incl. in Jenin and Jenin RC
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)		Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Jenin & Hebron closed mil. zones
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
School Disruptions	1	1	2	Incl. 3 in Beit Ur At Tahta
Settler Violence	4	_	4	Incl. burning of olive oil containers
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	1	1	Opening fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks		7	7	Incl. 5 Qassam mortars & 1 mortar
TOTAL	103	45	148	

DISTRICT	EVENT		
	Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, prevented civilians from crossing the		
ALL DISTRICTS	 Green Line and entering Jerusalem, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank. The Israeli army has renewed the closure between the districts of the West Bank and the Green Line, following the end of the Jewish holidays celebrating the Hebrew New Year, until 26 September 2004. 		

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. Raid: At 03:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalandiya refugee camp.
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/Curfew: Beginning on 17 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the village of Beit 'Ur At Tahta and continues to impose curfew. Classes were disrupted in 3 schools in the village serving 1,051 students due to the curfew. The Israeli army remains positioned in the village as of 08:00 this morning. At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and arrested 1 child.

	(iii) At 00:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein,
	patrolled the area, and withdrew at 02:20.
	(iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, searched 1
	house, and arrested 1 civilian.
	(v) The Israeli army raided the village of Ras Karkar, opened fire, fired
	tear gas grenades towards civilians, arrested 1 child, and closed the
	entrances to the village with cement blocks.
	• Arrests:
	(i) The Israeli army arrested Shadi Nasser 'Aabed, 17 years old, in the city
	of El Bireh.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Bilal Ayyoub Hammad in the town of
	Silwad.
	(iii) The Israeli army arrested 13-year-old Mohammed Fkheithah in the
	village of Ras Karkar.
	• 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 Jenin a closed military zone and closed all roads
	leading to the city with dirt barricades.
	• Wall Gates:
	(i) 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.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close Al Jalama crossing point, north of
	the district of Jenin, and prevented civilian access and goods from
JENIN	being transported.
	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: The Israeli army continues to set up flying
	checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, at the entrances to the city of
	Jenin, thereby preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city and
	forcing them to take rough detours.
	• Raids/Curfew: (i) At 02:20 the Israeli army supported by helicenters, raided the city of
	(i) At 02:30, the Israeli army, supported by helicopters, raided the city of
	Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, opened intensive fire, imposed curfew, searched several houses, and arrested 23 civilians, including 1
	Palestinian Police officer. At 07:30, the Israeli army withdrew from
	the area.
	(ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Al Harithiya,
	searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 female civilian.
	At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
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	Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 23 civilians in the city of Jenin and	
	Jenin refugee camp:	
	(i) Nasser Hassan Al Hindi, a Palestinian Police officer;	
	(ii) Mohammed Abu Khalifeh;	
	(iii) Abdul Rahman Mohammed Az Zubeidi;	
	(iv) Mohammed Kamal Sabbagh;	
	(v) Anton Jamal Az Zubeidi;	
	(vi) Na'im Jamal Az Zubeidi;	
	(vii) Kamal Ad Damaj;	
	(viii) Ahmed Abdul Latif Falah;	
	(ix) Yoused Abdul Latif Falah;	
	(x) Mahmoud Steiti;	
	(xi) Ammar Abu Ghalyoun;	
	(xii) Nidhal Abu Ghalyoun;	
	(xiii) Ahmed As'ad Abu Khalifeh;	
	(xiv) Sameer Mahmoud Ad Damaj;	
	(xv) Adil Mahmoud Ad Damaj;	
	(xvi) Hani Ad Damaj;	
	(xvii) Ali Mustafa Abu Sirriyyeh;	
	(xviii) Jamal Mustafa Abu Sirriyyeh;	
	(xix) Yasser Mustafa Abu Sirriyyeh;	
	(xx) Khalid Ad Damaj;	
	(xxi) Mujahid Steiti;	
	(xxii) Majdi At Tubasi; and	
	(xxiii) Kamal Abu Ghalyoun.	
	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silat Adh Dhahr:	
	(xxiv) Sa'idah Hassan Az Zuyoud, a female civilian; and	
	(xxv) Hassan Az Zuyoud.	
	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.	
TULKAREM	• Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to set up flying	
	checkpoints, and placed dirt barricades, at the entrances to the city of	
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	Tulkarem, thereby preventing civilians from entering or exiting the city and forcing them to take rough detours.	
	• Attack: At 21:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the	
	DCO offices west of the city of Tulkarem towards civilian houses in the	
	city.	
	• Raids:	
	(i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida. Confrontations	

	took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 17:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Ya'bad and patrolled the area. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, searched several houses, detained 5 civilians, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Baha' Azzam Abu Leimoun in the city of Tulkarem. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ashraf Theeb Al Beidha at Al Kafriyyat checkpoint.
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. Raids: At 20:50, an Israeli army Special Force raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched several houses, arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer, and withdrew at 04:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Samir Kamel Suleiman, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of 'Azzun.
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. Physical Assault: An Israeli army tank collided with a taxi at the village of Beit Iba checkpoint, thereby injuring the taxi driver and causing damage to his vehicle. The taxi driver was admitted to hospital. Raids: At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and the area surrounding Balata refugee camp and took position in several neighbourhoods. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the area again and opened fire towards 1 house, injuring 2 civilians. The Israeli army also occupied 3 houses, converted them into military posts, and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. The Israeli army raided the village of Iraq Burin and distributed evacuation notices to demolish 4 houses unless their owners obtain the necessary construction licenses. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Asira Al Qibliya,

	searched several houses, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mutlaq Hasan Hamdan in the village of Asira Al Qibliya. • Settler Violence: (i) A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Shavei Shomron burned 1 olive oil press, including all its contents, and 1 factory of olive oil containers in the village of Deir Sharaf. Losses are estimated at USD 1,000,000. (ii) At 11:05, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar raided the village of 'Urif and severely beat a number of civilians.
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. The checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Deir Ballut continues to prevent civilians from entering or exiting the village. Access is only permitted at specific times. 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 15:40, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the Bedouin area west of the city of Salfit, demolished a number of barracks, and notified the Bedouins to leave the area within 1 week. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit.
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.
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: At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp.
	Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Wadi Shahin in the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Sheikh Salah Qassim in the area of Wadi Shahin in the city of Bethlehem.
HEBRON	 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 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. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close all entrances to the city of Hebron with military checkpoints and prevents civilians from entering or exiting the city, thereby forcing them to take rough detours to reach their workplaces and homes. Attack: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the town of Halhul overpass opened fire towards civilians, thereby preventing them from entering or exiting the city of Hebron. Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers threw stones and empty bottles at civilian houses in the old city of Hebron and at Qurtubah Girls School near the settlement outpost of Hadassah. Extremist Israeli settler Itamar Bin Ghafir severely beat 2 employees from the Department of Religious Endowments inside the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron as they were cleaning sections of the Department of Religious Endowments.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanun Crossing remains closed.
- Attacks:
- (i) At 10:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya,

	thereby setting fire to 1 civilian vehicle which was parked in the area. (ii) At 22:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location near the old DCO offices towards the area north of the town of Beit Hanun. • Raids/House Demolitions/Land Levelling: (i) At 22:05, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided
	Palestinian territory and took position northwest of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory south of Beit Hanun crossing and As Sikkah Street in the town of Beit Hanun and north of the town of Beit Lahiya and levelled houses belonging to Bedouins opposite the industrial zone. The Israeli army also levelled agricultural land opposite An Nada towers in the town of Beit Lahiya.
	 Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 08:10, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 09:45, 3 Al Aqsa mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 09:55, 1 Al Aqsa mortar was fired towards the settlement of Eli Sinai. (iv) At 10:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dugit.
GAZA CITY	 Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. Air Attack: At 19:25, Israeli army helicopters fired missiles towards 1 civilian vehicle in the neighbourhood of Tall Al Hawa in the area of Sheikh 'Ajlin, south of Gaza city, extra-judicially killing 2 civilians, injuring 5 civilians, including 4 children, and destroying the vehicles. Attacks: (i) At 22:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its military post in the area of Al 'Ayidi on the Eastern Line towards Palestinian territory south of Gaza city. (ii) At 22:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its military post north of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction towards Palestinian territory south of Gaza city. Killing: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in Gaza city during an air attack: (i) Rabah Zaqqout; and (ii) Nabil As Sa'idi. Raid/Land Levelling: Beginning at 06:15 on 20 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the area of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction south of Gaza city, levelled land, and withdrew at 12:40. Palestinian Attack: At 23:10, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Attack: At 10:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the area of Al Birkeh south of the city of Deir Al Balah, thereby killing 1 mentally handicapped civilian.

	<u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Salim Abdul Qadir Abu Shabat in the area of Al Birkeh 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 partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 11:45, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint and opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle. The road was reopened at 11:55. Raids: (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including several tanks, raided Al Barabkhah neighbourhood in West Khan Yunis refugee camp and withdrew at 06:00. (ii) At 05:45, the Israeli army raided the area of Al Qarara between the areas east of Wadi As Salqa to Kissufim road, occupied several houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army forced civilians to evacuate their homes and assemble in a yard. Classes were disrupted in Al Ma'arri School, south of Kissufim road. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Palestinian Attack: (i) At 19:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (ii) At 07:00, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	 Closure: Gaza International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open to passengers, except for male civilians between the ages of 16 and 35. Sufa Crossing is partially open for construction cargo only.

GENERAL

POLITIAL PRISONERS	 Medical Experiments: Human rights organisations discovered that the Israeli army has conducted more than 2,000 experiments using drugs produced by Israeli firms on political prisoners in Israeli prisons, without their approval or knowledge. Thus, dozens of prisoners have been inflicted with serious diseases that could threaten them with unexplained or sudden deaths. Physical Assault: Israeli troops severely beat political prisoner Haydar Abu Ar Rub, who was cuffed at the hands and ankles, inside the military court in the Kitzi'ot Prison.
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WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: Israeli authorities renewed 6,901 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 district of Jericho to cross the Green Line. Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. Gaza Strip: Israeli authorities renewed 1,240 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, beginning on 31 August 2004, workers have not been allowed access to the Industrial Zones. Israeli authorities renewed 4,948 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 2,704 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.
DIRECT ISRAELI EFFECTS ON THE VOTER REGISTRATION PROCESS FROM 11 – 17 SEPTEMBER 2004	 Jerusalem District: (i) At 15:00 on 11 September 2004, the Israeli army surrounded 1 voter registration centre in Shu'fat and attempted to raid it, thereby halting the registration of voters for 1 hour. (ii) On 13 September 2004, the Israeli army raided 4 registration centres in the neighbourhoods of At Tur, Ath Thuri, Bab Al Magharbeh, and the village of Al Isawiya, and closed them after confiscating registration application forms and registration sensitive materials. The Israeli army also confiscated registration officers' IDs and arrested them. Salfit District: On 15 September 2004, the Israeli army intensified its patrols in the areas surrounding, and near, the registration centre in the village of Haris, located in the Secondary Girls School, thereby obstructing the registration process in the centre. Hebron District: In the morning on 14 September 2004, Israeli troops ripped and damaged the registration centre banners in the village of Beit Ar Rush Al Foqa, thereby obstructing the registration process in the centre. Khan Yunis District: On 15 September 2004, the Israeli army intensified its patrols in the areas surrounding, and near, the registration centre in the area of Ar Rabwat, located in 'Eid Kamel Al Agha School, thereby obstructing the registration of voters in the centre. Rafah District: On 15 September 2004, Israeli army tanks advanced towards the outskirts of the area of 'Ein As Sultan and took position near As Sultan registration centres 4 and 5, thereby obstructing the registration process in the 2 centres. (Note: Please see annex below)

Table of the effects of Israeli violations on the registration of voters for the elections

Direct Effects			Indirect Effects							
District	Closure of Registration Centres	Obstructing Registration in Centres	Surrounding Registration Centres	Raids	Closure (per district)	Curfews	Military Checkpoints	Detaining Registration Supervisors	Beating Registration Supervisors	Effect
Jerusalem	4	1								Preventing civilians from registering to vote
Ramallah							3			Obstructing registration process
Jenin				4	1		14			Obstructing registration process
Tulkarem				6	1		11			Postponing a seminar; closing 1 registration centre
Qalqiliya				1			3			Obstructing registration process
Nablus						1				Closing 2 registration centres
Salfit		1	1	1			4			Obstructing registration process
Jericho							6			Obstructing registration process
Bethlehem										
Hebron		1						1	1	Obstructing registration process
Northern Gaza							1			Obstructing registration process
Gaza										
Central Gaza				1						Obstructing registration process
Khan Yunis		1	1	1						Obstructing registration process
Rafah		2	2	5						Obstructing registration process; closing 5 registration centres
Total	4	6	4	19	2	1	42	1	1	