## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

#### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00, 26 September 2008 – 08:00, 27 September 2008

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	_	2	During demonstration against Wall
Physical Assault	1	_	1	Severely beat a civilian in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	8	2	10	Incl. 5 children & officer
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	13	1	14	Incl. 3 on Salfit & 3 on Bethlehem
Closure of Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. access impeded at 11 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	3	_	3	2 in Jerusalem & 1 in Bethlehem
Attacks	5	_	5	3 in confrontations & 2 from posts
Curfew	2	_	2	On Bruqin & Kafr Ad Dik towns
Wall Construction	_	_		Suspended for Shabbat
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	52	_	52	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 2 in Jerusalem
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed
Attack on Religious Sites	1	_	1	Positioning troops opposite a mosque
Demonstrations	4	_	4	Incl. against Wall in Ramallah & Beth.
Palestinian Attack	1	_	1	Opening fire towards a settler vehicle
TOTAL	133	6	139	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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. The Israeli army also set up checkpoints at entrances leading to Al Aqsa Mosque. The Israeli army allowed West Bank Palestinian married men who are 45-50 years old and women who are 35-40 years old to enter Jerusalem with travel permits. The Israeli army allowed West Bank Palestinian men who are above 50 years and women who are above 45 years to enter the city without permits to perform the prayers of the last Friday of Ramadan and Laylat Al Qadr (the night of power) in Al Aqsa Mosque.

#### • 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 with cement blocks and dirt barricades 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.

- Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalandiya refugee camp.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 20:05, the Israeli army arrested the following 5 civilians, including 3 children, at Qalandiya checkpoint:
- (i) Jihad Mansour Aslan, 15-year-old;
- (ii) Muhammad Khaled Khasba, 17-year-old;
- (iii) Ahmad Hussein Al Khadour, 17-year-old;
- (iv) Abdallah Rateb Allouzi; and
- (v) Shadi Mansour Aslan

#### • 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.

#### **JERUSALEM**

	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, 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, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, and south of Beit Hanina village.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.</li> <li>Raid: At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Muggier and arrested a Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the village of Al Muggier officer Khairallah Na'san.</li> <li>Demonstrations: <ol> <li>At 12:30, a demonstration set about against the Wall in Ni'lin town, with the participation of international peace activists. Confrontations took place between demonstrators and the Israeli army causing suffocation to a number of civilians as a result of inhaling tear gas.</li> <li>At 14:00, a demonstration set about against the Wall in Bil'in village, with the participation of international peace activists. Confrontations took place between demonstrators and the Israeli army wounding 2 civilians and a Scottish activist, and causing suffocation to a number of civilians as a result of inhaling tear gas.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat west of 'Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>At 01:25, the Israeli army raided</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 22:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Hafira village.</li> <li>At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qabatiya town.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
TOUBAS	<u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of 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.

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TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm 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 western entrance to the village of Shofeh.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint.</li> <li>Raid: At 10:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Shofeh village.</li> <li>Attack: At 16:40, Israeli troops positioned in the headquarters of military liaison west of Tulkarm city opened fire and fired light flares in the periphery of the headquarters for training purposes.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<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>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access.</li> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.</li> <li>On 10 August 2008, the Israeli army re-opened the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron, allowing daily passage from 06:00 until 17:00.</li> <li>Since 00:25 on 25 September 2008, the Israeli army closed with cement blocks the road connecting Huwwara town to the village of Burin.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:</li> <li>At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only.</li> <li>(ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.</li> <li>• Demonstration: At 11:30, a demonstration set about, with the participation of international peace activists, protesting the confiscation of an area of land belonging to civilians from the villages of Deir Sharaf and Qusin. The participants performed Friday prayers on the land confiscated by the Israeli army to establish a waste place near the village of Deir Sharaf.</li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 16:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit until 17:45.</li> <li>At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Bruqin town, imposed curfew after opening fire towards a settler vehicle travelling on the bypass road near the town and withdrew at 03:50.</li> <li>At 04:40, the Israeli army raided Kafr Ad Dik town, imposed curfew and remained in the town.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></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>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.</li> <li>At 11:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the D.C.O. checkpoint that is set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

#### **Closure:** (i) 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. Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing (ii) civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. Flying Checkpoint: At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area between the city of Beit Jala and the area of Bir Onah and severely beat the civilian Jihad Hussein Dairiyah from Beit Fajjar town causing him contusions. Consequently, he was admitted to hospital for treatment. Raids: **BETHLEHEM** (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army raided the debris of the previously evacuated military camp of Osh Grab, located east of Beit Sahur city, and patrolled the area until 11:15. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan, searched (ii) a house and arrested 2 children. Again at 02:00, the Israeli army raided the area. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while stationed opposite a mosque while civilians were performing the Ramadan prayers of Laylat Al Qadr (the night of power). The Israeli army withdrew at 03:00. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the village of Husan the civilians Ahmad Mustafa Abdulsalam Za'loul, 15-year-old; and Ahmad Ali Raja As Sabatin, 15-year-old. **Demonstration:** At 13:00, a demonstration set about against the Wall in Al Ma'sarah village, with the participation of international peace activists. The Israeli army confronted the demonstration and prevented it from reaching the land threatened with confiscation for constructing the Wall. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) **HEBRON** of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling 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 entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the junction of Farsh Al Hawa north of Hebron city, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing. The Israeli army installed an iron gate instead of the dirt barricade. The Israeli army designated the following times for the daily opening the gate: from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Bab Az Zawiya in the city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 14:00, a group of settlers set fire in front of commercial shops belonging to civilians in the old city of Hebron.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for Shabbat in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

### ALL DISTRICTS

- The cease-fire agreement is holding. It started at 06:00 on 19 June 2008, and included, *inter alia*, a complete cessation of all hostilities.
- The Israeli army violated the cease-fire, raided Palestinian areas east of Khuza'a town and arrested 2 civilians.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially opened (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).	
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of basic necessities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of fuel.</li> </ul>	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YOUNIS	<ul> <li><u>Israeli Violation of the Cease-fire</u>: At 15:00, the Israeli army, including a number of armored vehicles, raided Palestinian areas 100 meters deep east of Khuza'a town and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li><u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians east of Khuza'a town.</li> </ul>	
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of food and goods.</li> </ul>	

#### **GENERAL**

#### POLITICAL PRISONERS

- Abuse of Political Prisoners: Political prisoners at Salem Detention and Interrogation Centre appealed to international, human and law organizations and the ICRC to intervene to save their lives and end their suffering due to the tragic conditions that they live in prison. They are not allowed access to toilets forcing them to use plastic bags and bottles. Many prisoners refused to do so causing them kidney diseases. The prisoners confirmed to the lawyer of the Prisoners' Club that the prison's administration close cells daily from 18:00 until 08:00. Also, they are not allowed to perform Tarawih and Jum'a prayers.
- Administrative Detention: The Israeli army released political prisoner Mahmoud Issa Abdulhameed Al Masalmeh from the town of Beit 'Awa in the district of Hebron. He is the oldest prisoner of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) as he spent 56 months in administrative detention.