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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 29 September 2008 – 08:00 30 September 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	_	2	2 civilians in Ni'lin village, Ramallah
Arrest (per person)	1	_	1	A civilian in the Jericho district
Detentions	16	_	16	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Raids	9	_	9	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Hebron
Attack	1		1	During confrontations in Ramallah
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 3 in Jenin and 3 Qalqiliya
Wall Construction	23	_	23	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	51	_	51	Incl. 13 in Nablus & 13 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	4 crossings partially opened
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	Attempt to fire a mortar failed
TOTAL	143	4	147	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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 northern districts from southern districts as well as the district of Jericho and Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. Beginning at 24:00 on 28 September 2008, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the West Bank districts and to prevent civilians, including workers, from accessing the city of Jerusalem and the Green Line on the occasion of the Jewish New Year. The Israeli army only allows humanitarian cases following previous coordination. The closure will last until 24:00 on 01 October 2008.
JERUSALEM	Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the 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. Checkpoint: 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. 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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	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 Saffa 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.

	 Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Silwad and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Attack/Injuries: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ni'lin. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians.
JENIN	 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. 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Az Zababida and Qabatiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
TUBAS	 <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. <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raid</u>: At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun.
TULKAREM	 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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Einav checkpoint on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. At 08:45, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint used Police dogs to search civilian vehicles, thereby causing a severe traffic jam. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 16:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:30.

• Raids:

- (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun.
- (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 neighborhood only.
- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.

• Raids:

- (i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.
- (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.

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SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. 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. 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. Flaving Checkpoints: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00. At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:30.
JERICHO	 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. Checkpoints: 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. Flaving Checkpoint: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrest: At 24:00 on 28 September 2008, the Israeli army arrested Jamal Abu Jarrar during its raid on the village of Marj Ghazal.
BETHLEHEM	 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. Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to an area of 22 dunums of land that has been confiscated in accordance with the Israeli Military Order No. 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues 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.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city 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:

HEBRON

- (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.

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• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 19:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Beit Ummar and Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/House Occupation:

- (i) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Einun, occupied a house roof, and converted it into a military post.
- (ii) At 19:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 01:35, the Israeli army raided city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- Entering into force at 06:00 on 19 June 2008, the cease fire agreement has continued to hold. The agreement includes, *inter alia*, a complete cessation of all hostilities.
- In violation of the cease fire agreement, armed Palestinian groups failed to fire a mortar towards the Green Line. The mortar landed on Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al-Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of essential supplies. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel supplies. Palestinian Violation of the Cease Fire Agreement: At 12:00, armed Palestinian individuals failed to fire an unidentified mortar towards the Green Line. The mortar landed on Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.

Closure of Crossing Points: (i)

RAFAH

- Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.
- Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. (ii)
- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for (iv) transportation of food supplies and merchandise.

GENERAL

Sentences: Israeli military courts sentenced the following political prisoners: Zeid Mohammed Sarhan, a resident of Al Far'a refugee camp in the (i) district of Tubas, for 15 months and a fine of NIS 2,000 (USD 584); Muhsen Saleh Hasan Saleh, a resident of the village of Salem in the (ii) district of Nablus, for 4 months and a fine of NIS 2,000 (USD 584); Adham Ibrahim Khalil Kharroubi, a resident of the city of Nablus, for 9 (iii) months and a fine of NIS 3,000 (USD 877); (iv) Aysar 'Adnan Ahmed Jaber, a resident of the city of Tulkarem, for 5 months and a fine of NIS 1,000 (USD 292); Nour ad Din Marwan Hamdan, a resident of the village of Salem in the (v) district of Nablus, for 4 months and a fine of NIS 2,000 (USD 584); **POLITICAL** Nael Ribhi Zuhdi 'Issa, a resident of the village of Salem in the district (vi) **PRISONERS** of Nablus, for 4 months and a fine of NIS 2,000 (USD 584); and (vii) Baha' Abdul Rahman 'Issa, a resident of the village of Salem in the district of Nablus, for 4 months and a fine of NIS 2,000 (USD 584); Israeli military courts also adjourned trial sessions of 4 other political prisoners from the districts of Tubas, Tulkarem, Nablus, and Salfit for various periods of time. Extension of Administrative Detention: The Israeli military court at Salem Interrogation and Detention Centre extended orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 6 political prisoners from the district of Jenin for various periods of time.