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DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 11 September 2009 – 08:00 12 September 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	37		37	Incl. 35 civilians fell unconscious, Jer.
Injuries	5		5	3 in Jerusalem and 2 in Ramallah
Attacks	7	1	8	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 by Israeli settlers
Raids	19	1	20	Incl. 2 in Tubas and 3 in Nablus
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. helicopters over Al Aqsa Mosque
Arrests (per person)	4		4	2 in Jenin and 2 in Hebron, incl. 2 brothers
Detentions	13	1	14	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10		10	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 2 in Jericho
Wall Construction	21		21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Attack on Property	1		1	A public Ramadan breakfast denied, Jer.
Curfew	1		1	Over the town of 'Azzun for 2 nd day
Closure (per District)	7		7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	46		46	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya & 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		6	6	Only Rafah Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	3		3	Incl. fire opened towards civilians
Demonstrations	4		4	Against the Wall and settlement activity
TOTAL	187	10	197	

DISTRICT

EVENTS

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: On 11 September 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers in the first week of the holy month of Ramadan at the mosque. However, the Israeli army only allowed access to male civilians above 50 years of age and female civilians above 45 years as well as to male and female civilians, who hold access permits and are above 45 and 30 years of age respectively. Due to severe crowding while waiting to cross Qalandiya checkpoint, many civilians fell unconscious. In addition, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers on streets and near checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also released an aerostat equipped with a camera over the Al Aqsa Mosque compound and an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the compound and watched worshippers. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba¹. The Israe

	 <u>Raid/Injury</u>: At 01:15, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured Ali Mohammed Muteir. <u>Attack on Property</u>: In the evening of 11 September 2009, the Israeli authorities issued an order preventing the organisation of a public Ramadan breakfast at the Seven Arches Hotel in the city of Jerusalem. Originally organised by the Palestinian Governor of Jerusalem, Islamic and Christian notable figures were invited to the breakfast. <u>Settler Violence/Attacks/Injuries</u>: In the evening of 11 September 2009, a group of Israeli settlers opened fire towards a number of civilians in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem, injuring 2 civilians. Of these, Ahmed Mohammed Qara'in sustained critical wounds. The Israeli army also opened fire and fired sound grenades towards civilians while they confronted Israeli settlers. <u>Wall Gates</u>: (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. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. <u>Raid</u>: At 21:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Liqya. <u>Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries</u>: (i) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 participants. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 participants. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.

	 (iii) At 13:40, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Deir 'Ammar in protest against Israeli settlement activity. Meanwhile, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. <u>Flving Checkpoint</u>: At 00:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 04:00. (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba, raided a motor vehicle showroom, and withdrew at 03:40. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Qabatiya: (i) Ibrahim Fu'ad Abu ar Rub; and (ii) Tawfiq al As'hab Zakarneh. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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.
TUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a and patrolled the area until 03:00. (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas and patrolled the area until 03:50.
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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 agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

	 <u>Raids/Curfew/Physical Assault:</u> Beginning at 07:30 on 11 September 2009, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of 'Azzun and continued to impose curfew. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, severely beat 'Amr Ahmed Abu Haniyyeh, and withdrew at 12:20. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Habla. (iii) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus. <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 15:00, a group of Israeli settlers gathered at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and attempted to gain access to the town. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. <u>Wall Gates</u>: (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 detector. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. Beginning at 12:10 on 27 August 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with an iron gate the western entrance to the village of An Naqura opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. It should be noted that the Israeli army had removed the dirt barricade set up at the entrance to the village. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: At Tur neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Raid: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beita. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

SALFIT	 <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris, patrolled the area, detained a number of civilians, and released them at a later time. At 21:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 23:00. (iv) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 23:30. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel. 		
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 at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk (the northern entrance to the city of Jericho) and the other at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, and searched civilians and vehicles. 		
BETHLEHEM	 <u>Closure</u>: (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. 		

	 (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: In addition to detour roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Wadi Rahhal-the settlement of Efrat; and a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. Flying Checkpoint: At 19:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Nahhalin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the area of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 09:00. (ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (iii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kisan. Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara against Wall construction site. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi
HEBRON	 Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja. Closure: 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. 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) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al

Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
(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 Road # 60.
(iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
<u>Flying Checkpoints:</u>
(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
(ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
• <u>Raids</u> :
 (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Surif.
• <u>Settler Violence</u> : At 15:25, a group of Israeli settlers raided a house belonging to Majdi Hijazi al Fakhouri in the old city of Hebron and severely beat Samer Hijazi al Fakhouri, leaving him with contusions. As a result, Al Fakhouri was transported to hospital for medical treatment. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians (brothers) while they were attempting
to confront the settlers.
 <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the old city of Hebron: (i) Majed Mohammed al Fakhouri; and (ii) Used Mahammed al Fakhouri;
(ii) Jihad Mohammed al Fakhouri. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Targumiya
• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

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ALL DISTRICTS	 At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilians and property in the district of Central Gaza.

NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.		
GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. 		
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Detention</u> : At dawn on 12 September 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened fire intensively. The Israeli army also detained and interrogated Salah at Tawil and released him at a later time.		
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.		
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 88 civilians, who had performed 'Umrah (minor pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia). Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. 		