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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 31 July 2005 – 08:00 01 August 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten in Barta'a
Attacks	2	15	17	Incl. 3 during raids & 13 from posts
Raids	14	1	15	Incl. 7 in Ramallah & 1 in Rafah
Arrests	6	3	9	Incl. 2 officers & 1 university student
Detentions	15	2	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Incl. Jer., Ram'lh., Beth., Salfit, Qalq.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. 1 civilian vehicle destroyed
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 2 in Nablus & 2 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(8)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. 2 partially open
Construction of Mil. Post	—	1	1	1 watchtower erected in Central Gaza
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. civilian passengers assaulted
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. 1 Pal. security location raided
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. open fire towards Halamish
Pal. Security Measure	2	—	2	Incl. 5 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	89	28	117	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning at 23:55 on 12 July 2005, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line, following the suicide attack carried out in the Israeli city of Netanya.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem continue to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and impede civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in 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, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, and in the town of Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of An Nabi Salih, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian movement. At 00:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints in the area between the villages of Surda and Abu Qash along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and at the entrance to the village of Jifna and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Detention/Palestinian Attack: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, patrolled several neighbourhoods and the vicinity of 1 Palestinian Police station, raided 1 Palestinian National Security location, and

	<p>detained 1 civilian. The Israeli army also set up 2 checkpoints in the city of El Bireh and searched civilians and vehicles. At 12:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of An Nabi Salih and searched a number of houses, claiming that armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Halamish. (iii) At 22:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya. (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the area between the town of Beit Rima and the village of An Nabi Salih, fired flares while combing the area, and withdrew at 01:30. (v) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1 building, and arrested 1 civilian. (vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al, opened fire, and fired tear gas and sound grenades while patrolling the area, injuring a number of elderly civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested 2 Palestinian National Security officers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Baher Mohammed 'Awad; and (ii) 'Amer Mohammed Sadouq. (iii) The Israeli army arrested 1 unidentified civilian in the city of Ramallah.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented farmers from accessing their agricultural land in the area of the Jordan Valley. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. • Settler Violence: At 11:35, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sanur prevented civilians from the village of Al Asa'asa from burying 1 civilian and destroyed the grave which had been recently dug for the corpse. Israeli settlers also threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Jenin-Nablus main road. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 21:50, Palestinian security forces detained a 15-year-old boy in the town of Qabatiya to interrogate him after receiving information about his intention to carry out an attack.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint/Destruction of Property:</u> At 14:30, the Israeli army closed Jubara checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing in both direction, ostensibly for investigating a suspicious civilian vehicle. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint after destroying the vehicle (using explosives). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida and searched 1 house. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Barta'a and pursued and arrested 1 civilian driving an illegal vehicle. The Israeli army arrested and severely beat the civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ihab 'Ayed al Ashqar in the village of Barta'a.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin east of the settlement of Immanuel. • <u>Raid:</u> At 17:25, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of 'Azzun and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the city's southern entrance and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints and impeded civilian access, ostensibly to conduct thorough searches. (ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions, and reopened it at a later time. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the village of Till and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Salim, Deir al Hatab, and 'Azmut and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Burin, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 03:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 18:30, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus arrested Muhannad Mahmoud Ishteivi. • Settler Violence/Physical Assault/Destruction of Property: At 16:30, a group of Israeli settlers halted 1 taxi in the area between the villages of An Nassariya and Beit Dajan and severely beat civilians travelling in the taxi. Israeli settlers also damaged the taxi.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the north-eastern entrance to the city of Salfit through the village of Yasuf with cement blocks. The Israeli army opens the road from 06:00 until 18:00 only. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). • Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access in both directions, claiming to be conducting thorough searches. The Israeli army also closed the checkpoint on several occasions. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut near the Green Line, in the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, north of the city of Salfit, and between the village of Marda and the settlement of Ari'el. • Flying Checkpoints: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and another flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir Istiya and Haris, prevented civilians from travelling between the 2 towns, and searched civilians and vehicles.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to prevent farmers not holding Jericho IDs from reaching their agricultural land, forcing them to apply for access permits. At various times, the Israeli army also impeded civilian movement into the city of Jericho. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint along the Jericho-Nablus main road and prevented farmers from the town of Tubas from accessing their agricultural land in the area of the Jordan Valley. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 10:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 5 illegal vehicles, confiscated in the city of Jericho, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man, in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers civilians' residence in the village illegal. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. • Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, searched 1 house, arrested 1 university student, and withdrew at 02:15. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Anwar Mahmoud al 'Assa in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. (ii) At 08:20, the Israeli army closed Ash Shallala old and new streets in the H1 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks. (The cement block are located 300 meters inside the H1 section). • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and as Samoa'. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only. • Arrests: On 30 July 2005, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians near Point 103 on the Green Line in the area of Juhor ad Dik south of Gaza city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim al 'Awawdeh; (ii) Nader Faraj; and (iii) Wasim al Qarnawi.
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<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: (i) Ash Shuhada' - Nitsareem Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction - Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of Military Post: At 19:30, the Israeli army erected 1 watchtower near the military post located in Abu Nahiya Building east of Abu Holi checkpoint.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed. (iii) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. (iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (v) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah Checkpoint) is partially open. (vi) Abu Holi road is open. At 19:40, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints, preventing civilians from crossing until 06:00. • Attacks: (i) At 13:45, and again at 06:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 11 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (ii) At 16:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 9 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (iii) At 05:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 188 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a. (iv) At 06:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 13 towards Palestinian territory in the area of Batn as Samin. • Detention: At 13:45, Israeli troops positioned at At Tuffah checkpoint detained 2 civilians while they were crossing to the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis and released them at 17:00. • Palestinian Attack: At 00:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Rafah Crossing is closed to Palestinian civilians under the age of 35. • Attacks: (i) At 12:25, and again at 17:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards civilian houses in Tall Zu'rub

	<p>neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 17:40, and again at 23:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 8 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in Yabna neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. (iii) At 18:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 7 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate. (iv) At 23:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 19 towards civilian houses in the area of 'Ureibeh. (v) At 01:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 5.5 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. (vi) At 03:15, the Israeli army detonated explosives on civilian land near Point 9 along the Egyptian border opposite Bloc (O) in Rafah refugee camp. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 19:30, the Israeli army, including 6 tanks, raided 150 meters into Palestinian territory in the vicinity of the settlement of Morag north of the city of Rafah and opened indiscriminate fire. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:35, 1 mortar was fired towards the Israeli army watchtower in Tall Zu'rub military post. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards Palestinian territory. (ii) At 00:10, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Morag.
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GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Assault: Israeli Prisons Service Police forces severely beat political prisoners held in cells in Al Muscobiya ('the Russian Compound') Interrogation Centre, leaving a number of prisoners with injuries and contusions. • Relocation of Political Prisoners: 240 political prisoners lost their personal belongings due to the fire that erupted in their section in Ketziot ('An Naqab') Military Prison Camp. A number of prisoners were relocated to Section # C3 (an old and deserted section). The remaining prisoners were relocated to other overcrowded sections.
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