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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 July 2007 – 08:00 01 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	2	3	A political prisoner & armed individuals
Physical Assaults	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beat inside Green Line
Injuries	—	4	4	4 civilians, incl. a female child, N. Gaza
Attacks	2	7	9	Incl. 6 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	16	2	18	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 4 in Tulkarem
Air Patrols	—	4	4	Over Northern Gaza and Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	6	*	6	As well as other civilians in N. Gaza
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. 5 Palestinian security officers
House Demolition	1	—	1	A residential flat in Jerusalem
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Agricultural land, Qalqiliya & N. Gaza
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	1	4	Incl. a residential building damaged
Attack on Property	1	—	1	A cemetery levelled in Dura, Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	39	—	39	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Only humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Medical Obstruction	—	1	1	Ambulances denied access, N. Gaza
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Photos taken of Pal. security offices
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	Incl. 4 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	145	33	178	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash 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, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna. • House Demolition/Destruction of Property: Claiming that it was built without the required construction licence, the Israeli army demolished a flat on the 3rd floor of a residential building in the neighbourhood of Silwan in the city of Jerusalem, thereby damaging other flats on the building. The demolished flat belongs to Salah Abu Sneineh.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil and with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened indiscriminate fire. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Ein Yabrud and Dura al Qar' and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 31 July 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At dawn on 31 July 2007, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 16:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area until 17:15. (iv) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 00:40. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Ziyad Abdul Jaleel Hamed in the town of Silwad. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Talhah Jaber Abu 'Ilayya in the village of Al Mughayyir.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>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>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Far'a and Al Badhan and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles.</p>
<p>TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 05:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, Tulkarem refugee camp, and the village of Far'un. While patrolling the city, the Israeli army took photographs of the offices of the Palestinian General Intelligence and Preventive Security agencies as well as Police stations. At 07:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 06:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Qaffin, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Fawwaz 'Ammar in the town of Qaffin.
<p>QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. • Wall Gates: <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 its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Destruction of Property/Land Levelling: At 04:00 on 29 July 2007, the Israeli army levelled olive groves and destroyed greenhouses during its raid into the city of Qalqiliya.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. • <u>Raid:</u> At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • <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 Ari'el. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:30, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Detention: At 14:30, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge detained Abdul Salam as Souqi, a Palestinian security officer, while he was returning from Jordan.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army closed with an iron gate the road connecting the villages of Wadi Rahhal and Abu Nujeim, forcing civilians to take unpaved detour roads. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • Flying Checkpoint/Detentions: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Walaja and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also detained 4 Palestinian Preventive Security officers and released them at 15:15, after liaison with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • Physical Assault: Israeli troops severely beat Khaled 'Atallah Mu'ammam inside the Green Line, leaving him with contusions. At 19:30, Mu'ammam was admitted to Bethlehem Public Hospital for medical treatment. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Fajjar. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 00:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest 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 neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling 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.</p> • <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 Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack on Property:</u> <p>(i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched 1 house, levelled a cemetery adjacent to the house, and arrested 3 civilians.</p> <p>(ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Taffuh and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</p> <p>(iv) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Dura: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hasan Ibrahim 'Amr; (ii) Amin Ibrahim 'Amr; and (iii) Raed Badawi Abu Za'nouneh.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. • <u>Raid/Air Patrols/Attack/Injuries/Medical Obstruction/Land Levelling:</u> At dawn, the Israeli army, including several tanks, armoured vehicles, and bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya, whilst combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire and fired tank shells towards civilian houses. In addition, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 2 armed individuals and injured 4 civilians, including a female child. The Israeli army also denied access to ambulances to evacuate the injured civilians, arrested a number of civilians, and levelled agricultural land. • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals north of the town of Beit Lahiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sa'd Rajab Subh; and (ii) Kamal Suleiman Salah. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested an unknown number of civilians north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 31 July 2007, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 anti-tank mortar towards an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. Consequently, the Israeli army patrol opened fire towards Palestinian territory. (ii) At 17:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 anti-tank mortar as well as 6 mortars towards Israeli troops on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrols/Attack:</u> In the evening on 31 July 2007, Israeli Special Forces, supported by a number of Israeli army armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Khuza'a, whilst combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire indiscriminately. Additionally, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening on 31 July 2007, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abuse of Political Prisoners:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At noon on 31 July 2007, Shadi Sa’eed as Sa’aydeh died of deliberate medical negligence, after he was transported from Nafha Prison to Soroka Hospital. As Sa’aydeh was sentenced to 6 life imprisonments and isolated in a solitary confinement cell. Ashraf al ‘Ajrami, the Palestinian Minister of Prisoners’ Affairs, demanded that an international committee be established to find facts on As Sa’aydeh’s death. (ii) In their weekly sit-in demonstration held in front of the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Tulkarem on 31 July 2007, political prisoners’ families appealed to international and local human rights organisations to compel the Israeli authorities to provide necessary medicine to political prisoners as well as allow physicians to access Israeli prisons and examine the sick prisoners. Habitually, the Israeli Prisons Agency refuses to provide necessary medical treatment to the sick political prisoners and only offers them tranquilisers instead. (iii) On 31 July 2007, advocates from the Palestinian Prisoners’ Club held a demonstration in front of ‘Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre in protest against the Israeli Police’s demand that they be physically searched before they are allowed access to the Israeli military court at ‘Ofar military post.
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