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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 02 August 2007 – 08:00 03 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1		1	An armed Palestinian individual in Nablus
Injuries	3	1	4	Incl. a Palestinian Police officer
Attacks	5	5	10	Incl. 7 in raids & 2 from checkpoints
Raids	21	3	24	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 7 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	6	6	By helicopters & reconnaissance aircraft
Arrests (per person)	9	10**	19	As well as civilians in N. Gaza & Rafah
Detentions	17	2	19	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in the Rafah district
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	1	1	Agricultural crops in Rafah
House Occupations	_	3	3	Converted into military posts in Rafah
Closure of Checkpoints	17		17	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13		13	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 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 in Nablus
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. a school stoned in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	_	2	2	5 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	An Israeli settler handed over, Hebron
TOTAL	160	41	201	

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 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 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.
- <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.

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 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.

• Raids:

- (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and searched 1 house.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram, arrested 1 university student, and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

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	 Arrests: (i) At 22:40, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' arrested Ibrahim Mohammed Nawawreh, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Adnan Marwan al Ash'hab in the town of Ar Ram.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. Checkpoint: 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. Wall Construction: 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. Attack/Injury: At 09:50, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara opened fire towards and injured a civilian, while he was attempting to flee from a Palestinian Police vehicle. The civilian is convicted with a criminal offence. Raid: At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Checkpoint: 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Jenin and the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al 'Attara, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 female civilian (a former political prisoner).

Raids/Detention: (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also detained a child and released him at a later time. At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (ii) town of Birgin. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Al 'Attara arrested Muna Hussein Qa'dan, a female civilian. 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:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat (i) 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road (ii) 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). TULKAREM Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids/Detention:** (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Attil. At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Ras (ii) Rummana between the towns of Baga ash Sharqiya and 'Illar. At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al Labad, searched 1 (iii) house, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also detained another civilian and released him at 05:00. At 02:50, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp, searched 2 (iv) houses, and withdrew at 05:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Wajdi Rajab in the town of Kafr al Labad. 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. **QALQILIYA Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits.

The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. **Closure of Main Roads:** (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. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al (iii) Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western (i) 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. At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed (ii) on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. **NABLUS** Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit (iii) Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close (iv) 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. At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set (v) up around the city of Nablus and impeded civilian access. Attack/Injury: At 14:30, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint opened fire towards and injured Yousef Hussein Abu Mustafa, a Palestinian Police officer, claiming that he did not stop at the checkpoint and attempted to flee. Abu Mustafa was transported to an Israeli hospital for medical treatment. Consequently, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. Raid/Attack/Injury/Medical Obstruction: At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus. While surrounding and searching a building, the Israeli army opened fire, killing an armed Palestinian individual and injuring a

civilian. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, including the

injured civilian, denied access to ambulances, and withdrew at 04:10.

	 Killing: The Israeli army killed Raed Ali Abu al 'Adas in the city of Nablus. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: Ali Ahmed Abu Halaweh; and Mohammed al Mathbouh. Settler Violence: At 18:00, 2 Israeli settlers, riding motorcycles, raided the village of Beit Dajan. After confrontations took place between them and civilians, the Israeli settlers fled from the village.
	 Closure of Main Roads: 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). 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. Checkpoints:
SALFIT	 (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. • Wall Construction: 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. • Raid: At 02:30 on 02 August 2007, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Dawoud Khadher Rayyan in the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.
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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Raid: At 02:30, the Israeli army raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Zeid Khalil Abu Hamdiyyeh in 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp.
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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the road connecting the villages of Wadi Rahhal and Abu Nujeim, forcing civilians to take unpaved detour roads.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

Raids:

- (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilian sand vehicles.
- (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Artas.

• Closure:

- (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 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) 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.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (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.
- (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.

HEBRON

- <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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 00:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Sinjir along the road that connects the city of Hebron to the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and patrolled the area until 15:00.
- (iv) At 17:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (v) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul and patrolled the area until 03:00.
- (vi) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir, patrolled the area, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 02:00.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdullah Ghareeb in the town of Tarqumiya.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 21:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at Qurtuba School along Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 11:40, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) Marco Aharon Matakiya, an Israeli settler captured in the area of Al Hajar in the city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination.
- Raid/Air Patrols/Attack/Injury/Detentions: At dawn on 03 August 2007, 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 1 missile mortar. In addition, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injured an armed individual. Furthermore, the Israeli army searched a number of houses and detained as well as interrogated civilians. The Israeli army also arrested a number of civilians. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested an unknown number of unidentified civilians north of the town of Beit Lahiya.

	 Palestinian Attacks: In the evening on 02 August 2007, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. In the morning on 03 August 2007, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Raid/Air Patrols/Attack: In the morning on 02 August 2007, the Israeli army, including several tanks, armoured vehicles, and bulldozers covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and arrested 10 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 10 unidentified civilians east of Al Maghazi refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Raids/Attack/House Occupations/Detentions/Land Levelling: At 01:30, the Israeli army, including several tanks, armoured vehicles, and bulldozers covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Yasser 'Arafat International Airport, the area surrounding the Airport, and An Nahda neighbourhood east of the city of Rafah. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened intensive fire. In addition, the Israeli army arrested a number of civilians and levelled agricultural land. Having detained residents, the Israeli army occupied the roofs of a number of houses and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested an unknown number of unidentified civilians in the area surrounding Yasser 'Arafat International Airport and An Nahda neighbourhood east of the city of Rafah.