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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 August 2007 – 08:00 04 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	2 civilians severely beaten, Hebron
Injuries	4	—	4	As well as 2 international peace activists
Attacks	9	8	17	Incl. 9 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	26	3	29	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 4 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrols	—	6	6	By helicopters & reconnaissance aircraft
Arrest (per person)	1	—	1	1 civilian in the Bethlehem district
Detentions	18	2	20	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in the Rafah district
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Incl. olive groves set on fire, Ramallah
House Occupations	—	3	3	Converted into military posts in Rafah
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the Khirbet al Malih village, Jenin
Closure of Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	22	—	22	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 4 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
Settler Violence	1	—	1	A civilian vehicle stoned, Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Taking position near a Police station
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. fire opened towards Israeli troops
Demonstrations	1	—	1	Against Wall construction in Ramallah
TOTAL	150	34	184	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<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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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. 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 was suspended for the weekend 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. Attack: At 19:10, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire towards civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. Raid: At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled Qalandiya refugee camp.
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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 was suspended for the weekend 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 Checkpoint:</u> At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of ‘Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house. (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, patrolled the area, opened fire, and fired sound grenades. • <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries/Destruction of Property:</u> At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil’in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians and 2 international peace activists with rubber-coated steel bullets. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. As a result of the Israeli attack, olive groves were also set on fire.
<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 at the entrance to the village of Tayasir and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 08:30, and again at 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(iii) At 10:30, 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Curfew/Attack:</u> <p>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet al Malih, imposed curfew, and withdrew at 16:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Fahma. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <p>(iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, patrolled the area, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 03:30.</p>
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir al Ghusun and the village of Al Jarushiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <p>(i) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta, took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and searched 1 house.</p> <p>(iii) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem.</p>
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> 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.

	<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 its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:30, Israeli positioned at the flying checkpoint denied civilian access in both directions until 20:00. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jal’ud and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of ‘Azzun and the village of ‘Asla and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of ‘Asla. (ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, after an armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian individuals and Israeli army infantry forces near the Wall south of the city. At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 08:00. (iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 23:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of ‘Immanu’al threw stones at Ribhi Fareed Ghanem, while he was driving along the main road near the entrance to the settlement, leaving him with injuries to the head.
NABLUS	<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

	<p>using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (v) At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and impeded civilian access. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Al Badhan and Talluza and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of An Naqura, patrolled the area, set up a checkpoint along the road to the village of Deir Sharaf, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp. Having forced residents to evacuate, the Israeli army searched a number of houses, opened fire, and fired sound grenades as well as flares.
SALFIT	<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 was suspended for the weekend 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 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Salfit and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 19:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Haris.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
BETHLEHEM	<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) 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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: At 01:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Al Manshiya in the city of Beit Jala. (iii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Za'tara and the village of Dar Salah. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Raed Mahmoud al Khatib in the village of Dar Salah.
HEBRON	<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 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.

- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 Checkpoints:**

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Nuba and Kharas and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Physical Assaults:**

- (i) Israeli troops severely beat Sadeq Ghaleb ash Shweiki, while he was travelling the city of Jerusalem. At 09:00, Ash Shweiki was admitted to Hebron Public Hospital for medical treatment of contusions sustained.
- (ii) At 09:30, Israeli troops severely beat 56-year-old Fat'hi Rushdi Jamjoum in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions. As a result, Jamjoum was transported to hospital for medical treatment.

- **Raids:**

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 18:00.
- (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (iii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

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>Attack:</u> At noon on 03 August 2007, Israeli naval boats opened fire and fired a number of shells towards As Sudniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Raid/Air Patrols/Attack/Detentions:</u> Beginning at dawn on 03 August 2007, the Israeli army, covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, remained positioned on Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya. The Israeli army also opened intensive, searched a number of houses, and detained as well as interrogated a number of civilians. In addition, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. Furthermore, the Israeli army detained a number of fishermen on As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. In the evening on 03 August 2007, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
<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'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. • <u>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the evening on 03 August 2007, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops on the Green Line east of Gaza city. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory. (ii) At 01:45, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops on the Green Line east of the area of Juhor ad Dik east of Gaza city. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrols/Attack:</u> At 01:30, Israeli Special Forces, supported by several Israeli army armoured vehicles and covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp and opened intensive fire. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Raids/Attack/House Occupations/Detentions/Land Levelling:</u> Beginning at 01:30 on 03 August 2007, the Israeli army, covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, remained positioned at Yasser 'Arafat International Airport as well as in 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 levelled agricultural land. After having detained residents, the Israeli army occupied the roofs of a number of houses and converted them into military posts. In the evening on 03 August 2007, the Israeli army withdrew from these areas.• <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening on 03 August 2007, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. |
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