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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 04 August 2006 – 08:00 05 August 2006

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	4	**4**	Incl. 2 children in the district of Rafah
Injuries	4	12	**16**	Incl. 1 female civilian in critical condition
Incursions	—	2	**2**	North of Northern Gaza & east of Rafah
Air Attacks	—	3	**3**	Missiles fired by UAVs on Rafah district
Attacks	7	11	**18**	Incl. 7 in raids & 7 from military posts
Raids	22	—	**22**	Incl. 7 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	—	3	**3**	UAVs over the district of Rafah
Arrests	9	—	**9**	Incl. head of a village council & his son
Detentions	18	—	**18**	Incl. 4 female civilians and 1 Pal. Officer
House Demolition	—	1	**1**	1 house partially, east of Rafah city
Destruction of Property	2	—	**2**	Incl. 1 civilian vehicle destroyed, Hebron
Confiscation of Property	2	—	**2**	1 rifle and 1 pistol in 'Arura, Ramallah
House Occupation	1	—	**1**	Converted into a mil. post in Deir Istiya
Curfew	1	—	**1**	Over the main street in Al Funduq village
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	**10**	Incl. Tayasir and Al Hamra partially
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	**21**	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem and 8 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	**6**	Incl. the city of Jerusalem partially
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	**38**	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	**7**	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	**1**	1 mosque raided in Hebron city
Settler Violence	1	—	**1**	Civilian vehicles stoned
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	**1**	Shelling near security posts in N. Gaza
Palestinian Attacks	—	7	**7**	8 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	2	—	**2**	Against the Wall in Bil'in & Al Khadr
TOTAL	**144**	**51**	**195**	

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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. • Beginning on the evening of 31 July 2006, the Israeli army has imposed a complete closure over the West Bank districts that would last until the evening of 05 August 2006. With the exception of humanitarian cases, civilians and workers who hold crossing permits have also been prevented from entering the city of Jerusalem or crossing into areas inside the Green Line.
JERUSALEM	• **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 Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians under 45 years of age from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers, thereby forcing worshippers to perform Friday prayers on the main streets and in yards around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. In addition, the Israeli army launched an aerostat, equipped with a surveillance camera, over the Al Aqsa Mosque yards to observe worshippers. • **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 barbed wire and deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks 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:** (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 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, 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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Anata and the other on the main road near the village of Jaba', and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qalandiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Saffa as well as the Ramallah-Jericho road (the segment between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud). • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • **Raids/Confiscation of Property:** (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Abud. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army. (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana. (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, set up a checkpoint on the road leading to the town of Deir Ghassana, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of 'Arura, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles, arrested 2 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian security officer. Israeli troops also located and confiscated 1 rifle and 1 pistol that were in the arrested individuals' vehicle. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Shuqba, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians (the head of the village's local council along with his son). (vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and arrested 2 civilians. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the village of 'Arura:

	(i) Mohammed Sufian Saleh, a Palestinian security officer; (ii) Ma'moun Mifleh Nazzal; and (iii) An unidentified civilian. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Shuqba: (iv) Mahmoud Hasan Nakhleh; and his son (v) Mohammed Mahmoud Nakhleh. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Deir Abu Mash'al: (vi) Ibrahim 'Atiyyeh Rasheed 'Ata; and (vii) Yousef Dawoud Zahran. • **Demonstration:** 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.
JENIN	• **Closure of Road:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour 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. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 5 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of 'Arraba, Az Zababida, Tammun, and Meithalun as well as the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns and villages located on both sides of the Jenin-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Anza. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 10:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	• **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 following roads: the Dahiyat Dhinnaba- Kafr al Labad road; the Kafr al Labad-Shufa road; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road; and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur.

	• **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road as well as at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to deny access to civilians under 35 years of age. At 'Einav checkpoint, the Israeli army has confined crossing times to the period between 07:00 and 17:00 every day. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 20:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attacks:** (i) At 22:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of 'Anabta and patrolled the area until 23:00. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem, opened fire, and fired sound grenades. The Israeli army also searched 3 houses and withdrew at 05:00.
QALQILIYA	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun as well as the agricultural roads east of the town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. • **Wall Gates:** (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 was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Curfew:** At 10:00, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road that passes through the village of Al Funduq, claiming that an Israeli settlers' procession was taking place in the area. • **Settler Violence/Destruction of Property/Injuries:** A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, breaking 1 vehicle's windshield and injuring 2 civilians.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus main 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 Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

	(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. Access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem is denied. (ii) Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades. (iii) Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00. (iv) 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. (v) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Detentions:** At 14:00, the Israeli army detained 6 civilians, including 4 women, while they were travelling along the settler bypass road near the settlement of Itamar and released them at 17:00.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (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 *Intifada* (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the towns of Bruqin and Deir Istiya and to the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • **Checkpoints:** (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 to deny access to civilians under 35 years of age. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/House Occupation/Attacks:** (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also searched another house and withdrew at 02:00. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while it was patrolling the area. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence. • **Arrest:** At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Mohammed Ahmed Nassourah.
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-issued IDs. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho IDs. • **Detention:** At 16:30, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint on the Jericho-Nablus main road detained Mansour Bani 'Odeh, a Palestinian security officer, and released him at a later time, after having detained his ID card and served him a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence.
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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • **Closure of Main Roads:** 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. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and to deny access to civilian vehicles, except for those possessing access permits. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, and northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • **Raids/Injuries:** (i) At 11:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the village again, set up another checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:00. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the cities of Bethlehem, Beit Jala, and Beit Sahur as well as Al 'Aza and Ad Duheisha refugee camps. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in Ad Duheisha refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including 1 child. At 01:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Demonstration:** At 13:40, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Al Khadr in protest against the confiscation of civilian land for Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors.

HEBRON	• **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. (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:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: 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 entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; Al Baq'a junction south of the town of Beit 'Awwa; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area between the towns of Beit Ula and Idhna (a 2-km-long section between the area south of the town of Beit Ula and Tarqumiya Crossing Point); in the village of Ar Ramadin (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/Destruction of Property:** At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the settler bypass road near the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also used explosives to destroy 1 civilian vehicle that was parked on the road, allegedly for suspecting it. • **Raids/Attack on Religious Site/Detention:** (i) At 13:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, raided *Al Haras* Mosque, detained civilians inside, and served summons to a number of them to report to the Israeli Intelligence. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Usamah Abdullah 'Asafrah in the town of Beit Kahil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• Beginning on 25 June 2006, and following the capture of an Israeli soldier during the Palestinian attack on the Israeli army military post near Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing, the Israeli army has:

	reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the district of Northern Gaza; carried out a limited incursion into the eastern Rafah district beginning on 28 June 2006; and imposed a sea blockade that has prevented Palestinian fishing boats from sailing. • Before shelling civilian houses, the Israeli army has been contacting civilian residents directly by telephone and demanding that they evacuate their houses.
NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • **Incursion:** Beginning at 12:10 on 01 August 2006, the Israeli army continued to reinforce its presence on Palestinian territory near the area of Al Hawuz north of the town of Beit Lahiya as well as in and around Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. At 19:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** Between 08:00 on 04 August 2006 and 08:00 on 05 August 2006, the Israeli army fired 123 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near the College of Agriculture, near Palestinian National Security locations, and in the area of Abu Safiya north, east, and southeast of the town of Beit Hanun. Artillery shells also landed near An Nada residential towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • **Palestinian Attacks:** (i) At 15:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 15:25, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it landed on Palestinian territory. (iii) At 16:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 06:30, 1 unidentified mortar was 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 closed. • **Palestinian Attacks:** (i) At 13:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 18:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Palestinian Attack:** At 10:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it landed on Palestinian territory.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Attack:** At 02:15, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells from its locations on the Green Line towards the areas of Khuza'a and Al 'Umur east of the city of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (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.

- **Incursion/Attacks/Injuries:** Beginning at 10:15 on 02 August 2006, the Israeli army has continued to reinforce its presence on Palestinian territory in and around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport as well as in the areas of Ash Shoka and Al Jumeiza east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire and fired tank shells, injuring 3 children. In addition, the Israeli army partially demolished 1 house northeast of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport, as a result of which 2 civilians were injured. At 23:15, the Israeli army carried out an incursion into Palestinian territory on Salah ad Din main road, in the area of Al Mashru', and on George Street towards the junction to Abu Yousef an Najjar Hospital east of the city of Rafah. Additionally, the Israeli army opened fire and fired tank shells. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- **House Demolition:** The Israeli army partially demolished 1 house belonging to Saqr Abdul 'Aal northeast of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah.
- **Air Attacks/Injuries:**
  (i)   At 00:50, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a gathering of civilians in Al Juneina neighbourhood in the city of Rafah, killing 2 children and injuring 7 civilians. Of those injured, Huda an Nouri, a female civilian, was in critical condition.
  (ii)   At 02:20, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards and killed 1 civilian while he was present at the entrance of his house near Abu Yousef an Najjar Hospital in the city of Rafah.
  (iii) At 04:00, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards agricultural land in An Tanwir neighbourhood in the city of Rafah, killing 1 civilian.
- **Killings:** The Israeli army killed 2 children Al Juneina neighbourhood in the city of Rafah.
  (i)   Kifah an Natour, 15 years old; and
  (ii)   'Imad an Natour, 17 years old.
  (iii) The Israeli army killed Mohammed Salah al Khawaja at the entrance of his house in the city of Rafah.
  (iv)   The Israeli army killed Shareef Sabir 'Ayyash in At Tanwir neighbourhood in the city of Rafah.
- **Attack:** At 19:10, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah.