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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 04 August 2007 – 08:00 05 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	**2**	2 civilians in the city of Rafah
Physical Assaults	2	—	**2**	2 civilians beaten, Tulkarem & Nablus
Injuries	—	22	**22**	Incl. 3 civilians in critical condition, Rafah
Air Attack	—	1	**1**	2 missiles fired by a UAV, Rafah city
Attacks	—	2	**2**	Incl. 1 in a raid & 1 from a military post
Raids	27	1	**28**	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 8 in Jenin
Air Patrol	—	1	**1**	UAV over the city of Rafah
Arrests (per person)	—	2	**2**	2 civilians, after gaining access to Israel
Detentions	15	—	**15**	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Wall Construction	25	—	**25**	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	—	1	**1**	A truck destroyed in the city of Rafah
Confiscation of Property	1	—	**1**	A hunting rifle in the Qalqiliya district
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	**14**	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	**10**	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem 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 allowed
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	**4**	Incl. 3 mortars fired at Erez Crossing
TOTAL	**139**	**43**	**182**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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.
JERUSALEM	• **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:** (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:** (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 resumed 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. • **Raid:** The Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata and searched a house belonging to a political prisoner.
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 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.

	• **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 was resumed 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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Shuqba and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Ni'ma and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 22:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Kafr Ni'ma and Deir Ibzi'. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and 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 Checkpoint:** At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Al Far'a and Al Badhan and searched civilians. • **Raids:** (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (ii) At 15:00, and again at 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bir al Basha. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Tammun and Qabatiya. (v) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp.
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:** (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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Physical Assault:** Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem beat Thaer Ghassan Khadher, leaving him with contusions and scratches. As a result, Khadher was admitted to Tulkarem Public Hospital for medical treatment. • **Raid:** At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir al Ghusun.
QALQILIYA	• **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:** (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 resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Raids/Confiscation of Property:** (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Ras Tira and confiscated a hunting rifle. (ii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 01:45. (iii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus.
NABLUS	• **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.

	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al 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: (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. • **Physical Assault:** Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint beat 'Issam 'Allam Qadri, leaving him with contusions. At 14:20, Qadri was admitted to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment. • **Raids/Detentions:** (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Iraq Burin. (ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir al Hatab and detained a number of civilians. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp.
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 entrance to the village of Marda and, 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 impeded civilian access. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was resumed 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. • **Raids:** (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Haris.

	(ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 16:30. (iii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda and patrolled the area until 22:30.
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.
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. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was resumed 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. • **Raid:** At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ta'mir and searched 1 house. The Israeli army also served a summons to the Chairman of Beit Ta'mir Village Council to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
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. 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 resumed 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 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of As Sahl east of the town of Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched 1 house.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. A number of civilians, who had been stranded on the Egyptian side of Rafah Crossing, were also allowed access. • **Arrests:** On 04 August 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians, after they gained access into areas inside the Green Line in search of work. • **Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack:** (i) At 15:00, 2 mortars were fired towards Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing on the Green Line. (ii) At 19:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army fired a missile mortar towards the area from which the mortar was launched.

	(iii) At 20:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iv) In the evening on 04 August 2007, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• Activities not reported.
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. • **Air Attack/Injuries/Destruction of Property:** At 20:00, an Israeli UAV fired 2 missiles towards a civilian vehicle transporting armed Palestinian individuals in Al Juneina neighbourhood in the city of Rafah. However, the missiles missed the targeted vehicle. Of these, 1 missile hit a truck, killing 2 civilian bystanders and injuring 22 others. Of those injured, 3 civilians were in critical condition. The Israeli air attack also resulted in the destruction of the truck. • **Killings:** The Israeli air force killed 2 civilians in the city of Rafah: (i) Hisham Nassr al Jamal; and (ii) Midhat Ahmed al Halabi. • **Raid:** At 18:00, Israeli Special Forces raided Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah. An armed confrontation took place between Israeli Special Forces troops and armed Palestinian individuals.