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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 05 August 2006 – 08:00 06 August 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	A 12-year-old child in an air attack, Rafah
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten at a checkpoint
Injuries	—	6	6	Incl. 1 female civilian in Rafah district
Incursion	—	1	1	Areas east of the city of Rafah
Air Attacks	—	3	3	Missiles fired by UAVs, N. Gaza & Rafah
Attacks	5	6	11	Incl. 180 artillery shells fired on N. Gaza
Raids	15	—	15	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 4 in Nablus
Air Patrols	2	6	8	Incl. 3 by UAVs & 3 by F16 aircraft
Arrests	9	5	14	Incl. Chairman of Pal. Legislative Council
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land east of the city of Rafah
Wall Construction	27	—	27	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. 2 civilian vehicles destroyed
House Occupations	2	—	2	Converted into military posts in Jenin
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. Tayasir and Al Hamra partially
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. Jenin (7), Nablus (3), & Hebron (3)
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	38	1	39	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 1 in Rafah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	3 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	156	40	196	

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 continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting Dahiyat al Bared to the town of Ar Ram. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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 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: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Qalandiya and the other on the main road near the village of Jaba', searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
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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. (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). • <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 deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and arrested the Chairman of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) after searching his house. At 00:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Dr. Abdul 'Azeez Dweik, PLC Chairman, in the city of Ramallah.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> 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. • <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. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 6 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of 'Arraba, Az Zababida, Tammun, Meithalun, and Ya'bad as well as the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Fahma. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area. At 15:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	<p>(ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, opened intensive fire, searched 10 houses, and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. In the city of Jenin, the Israeli army occupied 2 houses and converted them into military posts. In addition, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on Wadi Birqin road and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army remains positioned in the city and refugee camp as of 08:00 this morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Hassam at Toubasi, 17 years old; (ii) Raed an Noubani; and (iii) Mohammed Hisham Abu Tabeekh. • Destruction of Property: At 15:00, the Israeli army destroyed 1 civilian vehicle (using explosives), while it was parked at the entrance to the town of Ya'bad.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Raids/Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Bal'a and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus.</p> • Checkpoints: 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. 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. (vi) At 19:00, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint, denying civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints/Attack: <p>(i) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Yasid, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Salim, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians.</p> • Physical Assault: At 12:20, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint severely beat Mohammed Zaki Abu ‘Amer, after which he was transported to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment. • Raids/Air Patrol/Attack/Destruction of Property: <p>(i) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Till, ‘Iraq Burin, and Sarra, whilst combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also fired flares over the area between the villages of Sarra and Till, while combing the area. In addition, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Till, denied civilian access, and used explosives to destroy a</p>

	<p>civilian vehicle that was parked at the entrance to the village.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Yasid arrested Amjad Rashed Abdul Fattah. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Nidhal Habeebeh; and (iii) Mujahed al Ma'lawani.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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 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: <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 to deny access to civilians under 35 years of age. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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 Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:00. (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli-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. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Mohammed Fattash Izbeidiyyeh, while he was returning from Jordan.
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. 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of ‘Ayda refugee camp, and northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 60 opposite the town of Al Khadr and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town Al ‘Ubeidiya and patrolled the area until 13:40. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 03:00.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints near Hebron University as well as in the area of Ras al Jora, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also raided 1 Internet café, detained civilians inside, and released them at a later time. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Shareef al Hmouz in the city of Hebron.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 and imposed a sea blockade that has prevented Palestinian fishing boats from sailing. Beginning on 28 June 2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • <u>Air Attacks/Injuries:</u> At 16:20, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards an armed Palestinian group near An Nada residential towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 17:00, an Israeli UAV fired 2 missiles towards another armed Palestinian group, while attempting to fire 1 mortar towards the Green Line, injuring 2 armed Palestinian individuals and destroying the mortar-launching pad. • <u>Attacks:</u> Between 08:00 on 05 August 2006 and 08:00 on 06 August 2006, the Israeli army fired 180 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: 150 artillery shells landed in areas east of the towns of Beit Hanun and Jabalya and 30 shells near An Nada residential towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 14:30, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 22:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. • <u>Air Patrols:</u> At 17:30, and again at 21:30, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over Gaza city. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 16:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <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. • Incursion/Attacks/Land Levelling: Beginning at 10:15 on 02 August 2006, the Israeli army continued to reinforce its presence on Palestinian territory: in and around Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport; in the areas of Ash Shoka, Al Jumeiza east of the city of Rafah; in the area of Zalata and on George Street in the city; and on Salah ad Din main road east of the city, thereby closing the road. The Israeli army also opened fire and fired tank shells. In the area east of Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport and in the area of Ash Shoka, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian Police officer, 1 National Security officer, and 1 General Intelligence officer. In addition, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land and withdrew at 08:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 3 Palestinian security officers east of Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport and in the area of Ash Shoka: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser al ‘Udeisi, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Jihad al ‘Udeisi, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer; and (iii) Khaled Jaradat, a Palestinian Police officer; (iv) Suleiman al ‘Udiesi; and (v) Jameel Younes. • Air Attack/Injuries: At 23:55, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a gathering of civilians on George Street in the city of Rafah, killing 1 child and injuring 3 civilians. • Killing: The Israeli army killed 12-year-old Ibrahim Salman ar Rmeilat on George Street in the city of Rafah. • Attack/Injury: At 02:30, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells from its location at Sufa Crossing towards the area of Al ‘Umur northeast of the city of Rafah, injuring 1 female civilian.