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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 06 August 2009 – 08:00 07 August 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	8	—	8	Incl. 7 civilians beaten in Bethlehem
Attacks	1	6	7	Incl. 4 from posts & 1 by navy boats
Raids	14	1	15	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 3 in Hebron
Air Patrol	—	1	1	By reconnaissance aircraft over Gaza
Arrests (per person)	8	—	8	Incl. 4 children & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	12	—	12	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Ramallah
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in the Gaza district
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Incl. a bus of peace activists damaged
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	46	—	46	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	4 crossing points open partially
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Civilian houses stoned in Hebron
TOTAL	135	13	148	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. 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 continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the town of Turmus'ayya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 child. • Raid: At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, searched 1 house, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Dhiya' Is'haq Mohammed Qadadhah, a Palestinian National security officer; and (ii) Mohammed Ali Khalil al Khalili. (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the entrance to the town of Turmus'ayya arrested Rabe' Hannoun, 17 years old. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: On 06 August 2009, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Mevo Dotan, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 child. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the junction to the settlement of Mevo Dotan arrested Mahmoud Ibrahim Qassem Talalweh, 16 years old. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qaffin and searched 1 house. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • <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 detector. • <u>Attack/Destruction of Property:</u> At 13:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section around the city of Qalqiliya opened fire towards and damaged a bus transporting international peace activists. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:25, the Israeli army raided the villages of ‘Izbat at Tabib and ‘Asla and searched 3 houses. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; and the main road and eastern entrance to entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Till and Madama; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. • <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) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At ‘Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Furik, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Ikrimah Sameer Hanani, 17 years old; and (ii) Tamir Kamal Hanani, 16 years old.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Deir Ballut. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, while they were visiting Prophet Ezekiel's Shrine. (iii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
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 IDs. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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.

	<p>(ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: In addition to detour roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Wadi Rahhal-the settlement of Efrat; and a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • Flying Checkpoint: At 00:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion and searched civilians and vehicles. • Physical Assaults: At 01:45, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained and severely beat 7 civilians. Having released others, Israeli troops arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint arrested Mahmoud Mohammed Tawfiq Ibrahim. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60. (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Assault: At 21:45, the Israeli army severely beat Husni Abdul ‘Aziz Abu Hadid in the Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Abu Hadid was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. The Israeli army also served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Surif. • Settler Violence: At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones and empty bottles at civilian house along Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of ‘Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • Violations of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilians and property in the district of Gaza. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire towards civilians and houses from its locations on the Green Line. In addition, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of the district of Khan Yunis.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.

GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: At 14:30, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and 4 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood east of Gaza city. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire towards agricultural land and civilian houses and levelled farmland. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 06 August 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land and civilian houses in several areas along the Border Fence east of the city of Khan Yunis. (ii) On 06 August 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Khan Yunis.
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 (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open on an exceptional basis to allow holders of foreign passports to leave the Gaza Strip. Civilians stranded on the Egyptian border were also allowed access to Gaza. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sentence: An Israeli military court sentenced Khaled Hamad, a resident of the city of Nablus, to imprisonment for life three times as well as to 40 years.
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