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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 07 August 2006 – 08:00 08 August 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	An elderly civilian of sustained injuries
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian beaten at a checkpoint, Nablus
Injuries	2	1	3	Incl. a 6-month infant in Northern Gaza
Attacks	8	9	17	Incl. 119 artillery shells fired, Gaza Strip
Raids	26	2	28	Incl. 7 in Ramallah & 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	22	—	22	Incl. 2 Pal officers & 1 female civilian
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Incl. at Kafr Laqif entrance, Qalqiliya
Wall Construction	27	—	27	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	2	3	Incl. 2 houses in Beit Hanun, N. Gaza
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A civilian's ID card, Tulkarem district
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. Tayasir and Al Hamra partially
Flying Checkpoints	24	—	24	Incl. Jenin (14), Nablus (1), & Hebron (3)
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 7 in Tulkarem & 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	An ambulance denied access, Nablus
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	1	An attempt to fire mortars blocked
TOTAL	**184**	**25**	**209**	

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, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • **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 continues 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 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Dahiyat Beit Hanina in the city of Jerusalem and searched civilians and vehicles.

	(ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Anata and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Hizma 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 continues 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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Abud and Beit Rima, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. • **Injury:** The Israeli army opened fire towards and injured Munther Salem 'Assi near the village of Beit Nuba, while he was travelling to work in areas inside the Green Line. At 09:30, 'Assi was admitted to Ramallah Public Hospital for medical treatment. • **Raids/Air Patrol:** (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. (ii) At 00:20, Israeli troops, dispatched by combat helicopters, raided and combed the area of Wadi an Nabe' between the villages of Deir as Sudan and Qarawat Bani Zeid. (iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and combed the area of 'Ein Nafe' between the villages of 'Arura and 'Abwein. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 03:55, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima and the village of An Nabi Salih. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya, opened indiscriminate fire, and arrested 2 civilians. • **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the towns of 'Abud and Beit Rima arrested Raed Wajeeh ar Reemawi. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Beit Liqya:

	(ii) Mustafa Ribhi 'Assi; and (iii) Abdullah Hussein Badr.
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 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 11:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: 3 at the entrances to the towns of 'Arraba, Meithalun, and Tammun and 1 on the junction to the village of Sanur. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: 1 on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and 2 at the entrances to the town of Meithalun and the village of Sanur. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Bir al Basha and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire while it was patrolling the area. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr Dan. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 07:00, the Israeli army, including 30 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, opened indiscriminate fire, set up a number of checkpoints at the town's entrances and on its internal junctions, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Sami Mohammed Ghawadreh in the village of Bir al Basha.

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. • **Detention/Confiscation of Property:** At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) detained Hamzeh Fat'hallah Hasan and released him at 12:00, after having confiscated his ID card.
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 continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Raid:** At 13:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 2 civilians. • **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Muneer 'Azeez Mar'i, a civilian resident of the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan in the district of Salfit, at Kedumim Interrogation and Detention Centre, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Azzun: (ii) Shakir Mahmoud Radhwan; and (iii) Thaer Radhwan.

	• **Land Levelling/Destruction of Property:** At 13:00, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land at the southern entrance to the village of Kafr Laqif.
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:** At 17:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zawata and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack:** At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps and opened indiscriminate fire in Balata refugee camp. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 4 civilians, including 1 female civilian (the wife of a political prisoner). • **Attack/Medical Obstruction/Physical Assault:** At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at 'Awarta checkpoint opened fire towards Sajidah 'Ata al Kouti, a female civilian, injuring her in the thigh. For half an hour, Israeli troops prevented an ambulance from accessing the area to transport Al Kouti to hospital. In addition, Israeli troops severely beat and arrested 1 civilian. • **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at 'Awarta checkpoint arrested Munadhel Abdul Jaleel 'Amer. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Nablus as well as in Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps: (ii) Ruwaydah 'Uweijan, a female civilian; (iii) Mahir Salam; (iv) 'Azzam Marwan Barakat; and (v) Ma'rouf Ahmed Dweikat.

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 continues 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:** At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:40.
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.
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 continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, and northwest of the city of Beit Jala.

	• **Raids:** (i) At 02:00 on 07 August 2006, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 08:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Tuqu', searched a number of houses, and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child and 3 university students. (iv) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Ameen Abdullah Shakhtour in the city of Bethlehem. The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Tuqu': (ii) Rabee' Yousef Abu Mifreh, 17 years old; (iii) Islam 'Adel Dakhlallah; (iv) Murad Sami Jibreel; (v) 'Awadh Dakhlallah Jaddou'; and (vi) 'Amer Saleem al Badan. (vii) The Israeli army arrested Nader Ibrahim 'Abed Rabbu, a Palestinian National Security officer, in Ad Duheisha refugee camp.
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 continues 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

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settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin); and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

- **Raids:**
(i)   At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im and arrested 1 civilian.
(ii)   At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Ummar and Ash Shuyukh and arrested 2 civilians.
(iii)   At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and set up a number of checkpoints on the town's internal junctions. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.
(iv)   At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
(v)   At 01:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in area of Al Hawuz ath Thani, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

- **Arrests:**
(i)   The Israeli army arrested Abdul Nasser Mohammed Zyadat in the town of Bani Na'im.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the towns of Beit Ummar and Ash Shuyukh:
(ii)   Mahdi Yousef 'Awadh; and
(iii)   Abdul Nasser Mohammed Mar'i.
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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 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	- **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. - **Attacks/Injury/Destruction of Property:** Between 08:00 on 07 August 2006 and 08:00 on 08 August 2006, the Israeli army fired 99 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: on Al Banat and Zammu Streets; on agricultural land in the town of Beit Hanun; and in the area surrounding Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya. The Israeli attacks resulted in the injury of Mahmoud Shakir Abu 'Odeh, a 6-month infant, and caused damage to 2 houses in the town of Beit Hanun.

	• **Palestinian Security Measure:** At 09:20, Palestinian National Security forces blocked an attempt to fire mortars towards the Green Line from the area surrounding the town of Beit Hanun and confiscated 3 mortar-launching pads. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 18:40, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. • **Death:** On 05 August 2006, Mohammed Abu 'Amrah, 65 years old, died at *Ash Shifa'* Hospital in Gaza city of injuries sustained during an Israeli air attack on Gaza city on 12 July 2006.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Attack:** At 11:00, Israeli navy boats fired 1 shell towards vacant land on the city of Deir al Balah's beach. • **Air Patrol:** At 22:25, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Central Gaza.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Raid/Land Levelling:** At 12:35, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara, levelled land, and withdrew at 16:00.
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. • **Attacks:** (i) At 17:45, the Israeli army fired 15 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory opposite Point 198 on the Green Line north of Sufa Crossing. (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army fired 5 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards civilian houses east of the city of Rafah. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire indiscriminately from its location in the area surrounding Yasser 'Arafat International Airport towards civilian houses east of the city of Rafah. • **Raid/Attack:** Beginning at 18:20 on 07 August 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in and around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• The Israeli army transported **Dr. Abdul 'Azeez Dweik, Chairman of the Palestinian Legislative Council**, from 'Ofer Interrogation and Detention Centre to an Israeli hospital in the city of Jerusalem.