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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 11 August 2006 – 08:00 12 August 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Protestors beaten in Bil'in, Ramallah
Attacks	3	3	6	Incl. 3 by navy boats, Gaza & C. Gaza
Raids	12	1	13	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
Air Patrols	—	2	2	1 by helicopters & 1 by F16 aircraft
Arrests	3	—	3	Incl. 1 child
Detentions	17	—	17	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A civilian's ID card in Nablus district
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. Tayasir and Al Hamra partially
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 7 in Jerusalem and 8 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	41	—	41	Incl. 9 in Tulkarem and 9 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against Wall construction in Bil'in village
TOTAL	114	13	127	

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"> <p>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.</p> <p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>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.</p> <p>Wall Gates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>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.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the main street near the village of Jaba' and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Anata and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 14:00, 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. (iv) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Khan al Ahmar junction on the Jerusalem-Jericho main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qalandiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Saleem Qrei' in the town of Al 'Eizariya.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil and the road connecting Dahiyat al Mu'allimin to Al Jalazun refugee camp. (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 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. • <u>Raids:</u> At 05:15, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. • <u>Demonstration/Attack/Physical Assault:</u> 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, during which the Israeli army fired tear grenades and beat protestors with clubs to disperse them.
JENIN	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of ‘Arraba, Meithalun, and Tubas as well as the village of Sanur. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of ‘Arraba, Tubas, and Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Rami Jawdat Daraghmeh, a civilian resident of the town of Tubas, while he was working in an area inside the Green Line without having acquired a work permit.
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; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to ‘Attil plain; the entrance to the village of Ramin; and the road to the plain of the village of Ramin. 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.
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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raid:</u> At 13:15, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Israeli troops also arrested 1 child, claiming that he had thrown stones at the Israeli army. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Ya'qoub Ghazi Sweidan in the town of 'Azzun.
NABLUS	<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 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. • <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) 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Confiscation of Property:</u> At 12:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Till, searched civilian vehicles, and confiscated the ID card of Sa'eed Qadous. • <u>Raid:</u> At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Till. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 17:15, Israeli army infantry forces raided the village of Marda and combed the area west of the village.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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. • Raid: At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and served a summons to the orator of the village's mosque to report to the Israeli Intelligence.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<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. • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah and patrolled the area. (ii) At 23:25, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 00:15. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.

HEBRON	<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 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Bab az Zawiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of civilians. In addition, the Israeli army searched a number of houses in the area of Az Zahid, after detaining residents.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 25 June 2006, 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 24:00, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the neighbourhood of An Nada residential towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Expulsion:</u> At 21:00, the Israeli army demanded (by telephone) that Hasan al Massri evacuate his flat in Building # 18 in An Nada residential towers in order to shell the flat. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 12:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it landed on a house on Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Hanun.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> At 20:30, Israeli navy boats opened fire and fired flares towards fishing boats opposite Gaza city's beach. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 10:30, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over Gaza city. • <u>Expulsion:</u> At 22:00, the Israeli army demanded (by telephone) that Ahmed Khalil ad Darfeel evacuate his house in Ash Sheikh Radwan neighbourhood in Gaza city in order to shell the house.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 22:00, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Wadi Gaza bridge on the coastal road.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open. At 08:00, Rafah Crossing was opened to civilians stranded on the Egyptian side of the Crossing (whether departing or arriving). At 12:45, the Crossing was re-closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Raid:</u> 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. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.