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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 August 2007 – 08:00 16 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Family members beaten in Jerusalem
Attacks	2	—	2	1 in a raid and 1 during confrontations
Raids	27	—	27	Incl. 5 in Nablus and 6 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	13	1	14	Incl. 1 ill civilian on Beit Hanun Crossing
Detentions	16	—	16	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Furniture of 1 house in Jerusalem
House Occupations	4	—	4	Jenin (1), Nablus (2), and Hebron (1)
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Taking position near a Pal. Police station
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	Incl. 4 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	166	12	178	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<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. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared 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 Bared 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: <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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bared, 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/Detentions/Physical Assaults/Destruction of Property: The Israeli army raided the village of Az Za'ayem, searched a house, and detained residents, after having beaten them. The Israeli army also damaged the house furniture.
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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 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. • <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 impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 14 August 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Atara, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Deir Dibwan and searched 2 houses. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Karem Mahmoud Dahadhah in the town of 'Atara.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/House Occupation/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:00 on 15 August 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad. Having detained residents on the first floor, the Israeli army occupied a 2-storey house and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Yamun. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (iv) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.

	<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 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. In addition, the Israeli army took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station and demanded that Palestinian Police officers leave the station. After liaison with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Zeita. (iii) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:00. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 03:40 on 15 August 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians (brothers) during its raid into the town of 'Illar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mu'taz Mohammed Majathbeh; and (ii) Muthanna Mohammed Majathbeh. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ra'fat Salah Hasan in Nur Shams refugee camp.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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 continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Raid: At 03:30 on 15 August 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus and searched 3 houses.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <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. 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. • Raid/House Occupations/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied a house overlooking the road leading to the village of Till, and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and ‘Ein Beit el Ma’ refugee camp. In the refugee camp, the Israeli army occupied 1 building and converted it into a military post. In addition, the Israeli army searched a number of houses and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Qabalan and arrested 2 civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Nablus and in 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nasser 'Ammar 'Akkoub, 17 years old; (ii) 'Ammar Hamameh; and (iii) Jihad Ibrahim al 'Ajweh. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Qabalan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Mahoud Abdul Raheem Iz'ar; and (v) Hareth Yousef 'Amleh. • Detention: At 12:40, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint detained Mohammed Ahmed adh Dhifda', a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at 15:30, after liaison with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
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 entrance to the village of Marda and, 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 impeded civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, Israeli army infantry forces raided the area of Wadi ash Sha'er near the village of Khirbet Qeis, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a Palestinian National Security officer until 12:00. (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Marda.
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: 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <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> At 14:15, the Israeli army closed As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues 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. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army began land levelling for Wall construction in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 17:00. (ii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, searched 2 houses, and arrested 2 civilians (brothers). • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Yousef Hasasneh; and (ii) Raed Yousef Hasasneh.
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. 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/House Occupation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Fawwar refugee camp. (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. (iv) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and arrested 1 civilian. (v) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and searched 2 houses. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Ayman Ibrahim 'Ubeido in the city of Hebron. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Jabr 'Isa al 'Adarbeh in the town of Beit Ula.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. • <u>Arrest:</u> On 15 August 2007, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing arrested Nahedh ash Sheikh Khalil, while he travelling to the city of Jerusalem to receive medical treatment at Al Maqassed Hospital. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning on 15 August 2007, 2 mortars were fired towards Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing on the Green Line. (ii) At 12:45, 10 mortars were fired towards Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing on the Green Line.
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 02:15, 3 mortars were 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"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <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.