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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 August 2006 – 08:00 17 August 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Physical Assault | 1 | — | 1 | 1 civilian severely beaten in Jerusalem |
| Injuries | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 civilian in Jenin and 1 in Northern Gaza |
| Incursion | — | 1 | 1 | Areas east of the city of Rafah |
| Air Attack | — | 1 | 1 | 2 missiles fired by F16 aircraft, Gaza city |
| Attacks | 2 | 11 | 13 | Incl. 3 in raids & 8 from military posts |
| Raids | 20 | 1 | 21 | Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 4 in Bethlehem |
| Air Patrols | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 by F16 aircraft and 1 by helicopters |
| Arrests | 12 | — | 12 | Incl. 1 child & 1 Palestinian Police officer |
| Detentions | 18 | 1 | 19 | At checkpoints & in residential areas |
| House Demolition | — | 1 | 1 | A 3-storey house during air attack, Gaza |
| Land Levelling | 1 | 1 | 2 | Incl. around Beituniya terminal, Ramallah |
| Wall Construction | 28 | — | 28 | Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth. |
| Destruction of Property | — | 1 | 1 | Turnery destroyed during air attack, Gaza |
| Confiscation of Property | 1 | — | 1 | A sum of NIS 5,000 in Qalqiliya district |
| Land Confiscation | 1 | — | 1 | 8 <i>dunums</i> in Kafr Laqif & Hajja, Qalqiliya |
| Curfew | 1 | — | 1 | Over the village of Beita, Nablus |
| Closure of Checkpoints | 10 | — | 10 | Incl. Huwwara & Beit Iba partially |
| Flying Checkpoints | 13 | — | 13 | Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 2 in Hebron |
| Closure (per District) | 6 | — | 6 | Incl. An Nu'man village, Bethlehem |
| Closure of Main Roads | 40 | — | 40 | Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya & 2 in Nablus |
| Closure of Crossing Points | — | 6 | 6 | Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially |
| Settlement Activity | 1 | — | 1 | Beituniya terminal to be expanded |
| Settler Violence | 2 | — | 2 | Incl. excavations carried out in Jerusalem |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | — | 1 | 1 | Fire opened towards 1 Pal. security post |
| Palestinian Attacks | — | 3 | 3 | Incl. 3 unidentified mortars fired |
| Pal. Security Measure | 1 | — | 1 | 1 illegal motorcycle handed over |
| TOTAL | 160 | 31 | 191 | |

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| 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 Bareded 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 Bareded 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 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one near the village of Jaba' on the Jerusalem-Ramallah main road and the other on the Jerusalem-Jericho main road near the junction to the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and searched civilians and vehicles. |
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| | <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to Dahiyat Beit Hanina in the city of Jerusalem and the town of Qalandiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Physical Assault: The Israeli army raided Dahiyat ar Ram in the city of Jerusalem, severely beat Murad Mahmoud ash Shawamreh, and transported him to an Israeli hospital for medical treatment. • Settler Violence: <i>Elad</i> Association for Jewish Settlement carried out excavations near a kindergarten and a mosque in the neighbourhood of Silwan in the city of Jerusalem. As a result, walls of the kindergarten and mosque cracked. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (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). • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede 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. • Raids: (i) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana as well as the village of Kafr 'Ein. The Israeli army searched 5 houses in the village of Kafr 'Ein and arrested 1 civilian in the town of Beit Rima. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. • Arrests: (i) At 01:00 on 15 August 2006, Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik arrested Mohammed Fu'ad al 'Isa, in addition to those reported yesterday. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Issam Abdul Rahman al Asmar in the town of Beit Rima. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Fadhl Mohammed Abu Qare', a Palestinian Police officer, in the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya. • Land Levelling/Settlement Activity: At 12:30, the Israeli army levelled land in the area surrounding Beituniya checkpoint terminal (designated for commercial goods) for expansion of the checkpoint terminal. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba on the Jenin-Nablus main road and the other at the entrance to the town of 'Arraba, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Far'a refugee camp and arrested 2 civilian brothers, including 1 child. (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Tammun and Tubas, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raids/Injury:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and patrolled the area until 05:30. (ii) At 05:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya. While patrolling the area, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injuring 1 civilian. At 06:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to Al Far'a refugee camp arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Jabr Abu Syam, 16 years old; and (ii) Mohammed Jabr Abu Syam. (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the towns of Tubas and Tammun arrested Ahmed Najeh Bani 'Odeh. |
| TULKAREM | <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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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). At 'Einav checkpoint, the Israeli army has confined crossing times to the period between 07:00 and 17:00 every day. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and the road between the villages of Hajja and Kafr Qaddum. • 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. • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army began land levelling for Wall construction in the village of Kafr Laqif. • Flying Checkpoints/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:45, Israeli Special Forces set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of ‘Azzun and Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli Special Forces also detained Mohammed Abdul Rahman ‘Inayeh and released him at 23:00. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of ‘Izbat Salman and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid/Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army raided the village of Jinsafut and searched 1 carpenter’s workshop. The Israeli army confiscated a sum of NIS 5,000 (approx. USD 1,150) from the carpenter’s workshop. • Land Confiscation: On 26 July 2006, the Israeli army issued Military Order # T/70/06 for confiscation of 8 <i>dunums</i> of land belonging to the villages of Kafr Laqif and Hajja for the construction of a military base near the settlement of Karnei Shomron. • Palestinian Security Measure: Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal motorcycle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). |
| 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 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: <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. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 20:00, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint, impeding civilian movement in both directions. The checkpoint was re-opened at a later time. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol/Curfew/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Iba, whilst combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also imposed curfew over the village and searched a number of houses. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Bizzariya and opened fire, while it was raiding an office belonging to the Palestinian National Liberation Movement (<i>Fateh</i>). • <u>Detention:</u> At 13:15, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint detained Mahmoud Kamel Hamadne, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him at 17:00. |
| 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. (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, Israeli army infantry forces raided the area located at the western entrance to the village of Marda, combed olive groves, and withdrew at 21:30. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Qeis and patrolled the area until 03:30. |

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| <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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 06:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles. • Settler Violence: At 14:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitav set up a checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli settlers left after an Israeli army patrol arrived in the area at 14:20. |
| <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. • 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/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:30 on 16 August 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, detained Mu'ayyad Yousef ad Da'dou', and released him at a later time. (ii) At 21:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 01:25, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town again and patrolled the area until 02:00. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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 |

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| | <p>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.</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 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. (ii) According to a new military order issued on 06 July 2006, which modifies previously-issued 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues: in the section between the area south of the town of Beit Ula and 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 Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and impeded civilian access until 09:10. (ii) At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Bir al Mahjar in the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested 4 civilians. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in Al 'Arrub refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yousef Ameen al Warasneh; (ii) Yasser Mohammed Banat; (iii) Tamer Ahmed Sarhan; and (iv) Ghassan Mohammed al Krnuz. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Ula:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Suleiman Mahmoud al 'Adam; and (vi) Omar Idrees al 'Amleh. |
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| <p>ALL DISTRICTS</p> | <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 |
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| | <p>2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah.</p> |
| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • Attacks: Between 08:00 on 16 August 2006 and 08:00 on 17 August 2006, the Israeli army fired 26 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: in the area surrounding the American School; in the area of Abu Hasira; and near An Nada residential towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya. Of those fired, 1 artillery shell did not explode. • Raids/Attack/Injury/Detentions/Land Levelling: At 10:50, the Israeli army, including a number of armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone and the area of Abu Safiya north and east of the town of Beit Hanun and opened fire, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army also detained 2 civilians and levelled land near the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. • Air Patrol: At 23:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza, carried out diversionary air raids, and broke the sound barrier. • Expulsion: At 23:00, the Israeli army demanded (by telephone) that Shareef al Massri evacuate his house east of the town of Beit Hanun in order to shell the house. • Palestinian Attack: At 20:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. |
| GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. • Air Attack/Destruction of Property: At 23:50, an Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 2 missiles towards and destroyed a 3-storey house containing a turnery in Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city, after the Israeli army had notified residents (by telephone) to evacuate. • House Demolition: The 3-storey house that was destroyed during the Israeli air attack on Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city belongs to Mousa Abu Sha'ban. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:55, Israeli navy boats opened indiscriminate fire towards the beach west of An Nuseirat refugee camp. (ii) At 22:55, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards the area of Juhor ad Dik. • Palestinian Attack/Attack: At 00:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. Consequently, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells towards Palestinian territory. |
| KHAN YUNIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 17:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 164 on the Green Line towards a Palestinian National Security location east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack/Attack:</u> At 10:05, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a. |
| 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. • <u>Incursion:</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. • <u>Attack:</u> At 05:00, the Israeli army fired a number of tank shells from its locations in the area surrounding Yasser 'Arafat International Airport towards civilian houses east of the city of Rafah. |

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| POLITICAL PRISONERS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hunger Strike:</u> On the morning of 15 August 2006, over 2,500 political prisoners held in Ketziot (<i>An Naqab</i>) Detention Camp declared a hunger strike in protest against the Camp Administration's recourse to strip searches of prisoners and their families during family visits. |
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