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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 16 August 2010 – 08:00 17 August 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	An armed individual in Khan Yunis
Attacks		5	5	3 in a raid and 2 from military posts
Raids	18	1	19	Incl. 6 in Hebron and 1 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrol		1	1	By reconnaissance aircraft, K. Yunis
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	1 in Ramallah and 6 in Hebron
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. 7 security officers & female civilian
Land Levelling		1	1	In Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	19		19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	1		1	Olive seedlings destroyed in Nablus
Confiscation of Property	1		1	A computers in Beit Ummar, Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	43		43	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1		1	Olive seedlings uprooted in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2		2	Incl. Commander detained in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks		2	2	Fire opened & 2 mortars fired
TOTAL	137	15	152	

DISTRICT

EVENTS

WEST BANK

	 <u>Closure</u>: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
JERUSALEM	 military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) On 28 May 2010, the Israeli army closed with an iron gate the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Iksa leading to the city of Jerusalem and reported to civilians that they should cross Qalandiya checkpoint to access the city. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. Flying Checkpoint: At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Duqu and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Nabala and searched a number of houses. 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.

	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit. <u>Raids</u>:
JENIN	 <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>Raid</u>: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

QALQILYA	 <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. <u>Flving Checkpoints</u>: At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:15, and again at 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raids</u>: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 02:20. At 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum and patrolled the area until 01:30. <u>Wall Gates</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.
NABLUS	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate and cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Jamma'in. <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

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	 (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Flving Checkpoints: (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Burin and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:40. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Sarra on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00. (iii) At 11:20, and again at 15:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Faid: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Till and patrolled the area until 02:30. Provaction of Palestinian Forces: At 12:45, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained a vehicle belonging to the Palestinian Police station in the town of 'Aqraba and allowed it to cross at 13:00 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers uprooted more than 180 olive seedlings on civilian farmland in the area between the villages of Qusra and Jalud.
SALFIT	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to 2 detour roads connecting the village of Marda to respective agricultural land. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. <u>Raids</u>: At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris and patrolled the area until 22:30. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Biddya. <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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 Ariel.

JERICHO	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks. <u>Checkpoints</u>: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. <u>Detentions</u>: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al 'Auja checkpoint detained a taxi transporting 7 Palestinian Presidential Guard officers, who were residents of the district of Jenin. Israeli troops denied access to officers, ostensibly because they held Jenin-issued ID cards.
BETHLEHEM	 <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. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a. <u>Raid</u>: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.
HEBRON	 <u>Closure</u>: 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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, controlling civilian access in the area.

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(ii)	Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line
	south of the town of Yatta.
• 0	losure of Main Roads:
(i)	The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to
	the town of As Samoa'; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa;
	the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron;
	the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and
	the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and the road connecting the town of Surif
	to the village of Al Jab'a.
(ii)	The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from
(iii)	travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road
(III)	between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading
	to Road # 60.
• F	lying Checkpoints:
(i) =	At 09:00, and again at 00:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint
	on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and
	vehicles. Despite prior coordination, Israeli troops detained Commander
	of Palestinian National Security forces in the Hebron district, while he
	was travelling along with his companions to his house in the town of
	Halhul. Israeli troops allowed the Palestinian Commander to cross after
	coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
(ii)	At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kurza and searched civilians and vehicles.
• R	aids/Confiscation of Property:
	At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kureise.
(ii)	At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, set up a
	checkpoint in the town's centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and
	patrolled the area.
(iii)	At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a checkpoint
	in the town's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli
	army also searched a number of houses and arrested 3 civilians.
(iv)	At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa, searched a
	number of houses, and arrested a civilian.
(v)	At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and searched a number of houses. Having confiscated his personal computer, the
	Israeli army arrested a civilian.
(vi)	At 03:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested a
	civilian.
• <u>A</u>	rrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Yatta:
(i)	Ashraf 'Izzat an Najjar;
(ii)	Ra'fat Mohammed Ali an Najjar; and
(iii)	Mohammed Mustafa al Jundi.
(iv)	The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Mahmoud Ibrahim al Masalmeh in
	the town of Beit 'Awwa.

(v) The Israeli army arrested Amir Sameer Abu 'Ayyash in the town of
Beit Ummar.
(vi) The Israeli army arrested Ghassan Mohammed Abdul Rahman al
Jawabreh in Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
• <u>Detention</u> : At 14:35, Israeli troops detained Ayat Nasser As'ad Abu
Markhiyyeh, a female civilian, in Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old
city of Hebron, allegedly for locating a knife in her possession. Having
taken her to the settlement of Kiryat Arba', Israeli troops released Ayat at a
later time.
• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of
Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of
Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the
villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, opened fire, and fired tank shells on civilian houses and property in the Khan Yunis district, killing an armed Palestinian individual. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire and fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. Access was also allowed to 7 truckloads of medical supplies to the Jordanian military field hospital.	
GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities were not reported.	

KHAN YUNIS	 <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack</u>: At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Qarara town. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired tank shells towards civilian houses and property. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed an individual. <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Bassam Barham Suleiman ad Dughmeh east of the town of Al Qarara. <u>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack</u>: (i) At 17:40, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops on the Green Line east of Al Farahin area east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells towards Palestinian territory.
RAFAH	 (ii) In the evening of 16 August 2010, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow patients, students, and civilians holding visas to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel designated for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas.