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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 17 August 2005 – 08:00 18 August 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	4	—	4	4 workers, incl. 2 brothers, in Shilo
Injuries	2	—	2	2 workers in Shilo by an Israeli settler
Attacks	4	4	8	Incl. 1 during a raid & 2 by settlers
Raids	11	2	13	Incl. 5 in Tulkarem & 2 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	14	10	24	Incl. 4 children and 1 security officer
Detentions	15	1	16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolitions	*	1	1	Incl. 1 house in Al Mawasi/K. Yunis
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Incl. east of Tayasir checkpoint
Wall Construction	24	—	24	Incl. Jer., Ram'lh., Beth., Salfit, Qalq.
Destruction of Property	*	—	—	Incl. notices to demolish 5 sheep pens
Confiscation of Property	2	—	2	Incl. 1 pistol from Police officers
House Occupations	1	1	2	Incl. 1 house south of Kessufim road
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	5	1	6	Incl. the area of Malakeh east of Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	*	(9)	—	Incl. vicinity of settlements in Jenin
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma gate
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. 2 partially open
Construction of Mil. Post	1	—	1	1 military post near Kedumim
Attack on Religious Sites	2	—	2	1 mosque raided in Yasuf
Settler Violence	5	4	9	Incl. 1 school set on fire
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	3 Palestinian Police officers detained
Palestinian Attacks	—	12	12	Incl. 6 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	2	4	6	Incl. 1 Israeli citizen handed over
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Kifl Haris against the Wall
TOTAL	107	44	151	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 15 August 2005, the Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure over the district of Jenin and the Gaza Strip and declare them closed military zones. The Israeli army prevented civilians and workers from entering the city of Jerusalem or crossing the Green Line in order to evacuate 4 Israeli settlements in the district of Jenin and evacuate settlements and withdraw from the Gaza Strip.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, preventing civilians under the age of 45 from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform prayers. The Israeli army also used a surveillance balloon, equipped with cameras, to observe worshippers in Al Aqsa Mosque. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints, impeding civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the village of 'Anata checkpoint and prevent civilians from crossing in both directions. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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, and in the town of Beituniya. Settler Violence: At 17:00, an Israeli settler opened fire towards a number of Palestinian workers while they were working in the settlement of Shilo in the northern Ramallah district, killing 4 workers, including 2 brothers, and injuring 2 others. 1 of the workers killed initially sustained critical injuries during the attack, but died after he was transported to hospital. Killings: An Israeli settler killed 4 Palestinian workers in the settlement of Shilo:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Mansour; (ii) Khalil Walwil; (iii) Bassam Mousa Tawabsheh; and his brother (iv) Usamah Mousa Tawabsheh.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Settlement Evacuation Areas:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Israeli settlements to be evacuated in the district of Jenin. The Israeli army also designated alternate roads, including detour routes, connecting towns and villages to the city of Jenin for civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of ‘Arraba with cement blocks. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up in the vicinity of the village of Imreiha south of the town of Ya’bad along the road connecting the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem and to deny civilian access in both directions. (iv) At 10:30, the Israeli army closed Al Jalama Commercial Crossing, preventing civilians from crossing. The Israeli army opened Salim Crossing as an alternative, which will be open 3 days a week from 09:00 until 13:00. (v) At 11:55, the Israeli army restricted civilian access (except for humanitarian cases) to Um ar Rihan (Shaked) gate to 3 hours daily from 07:00–08:00, 13:00–14:00, and 17:00–18:00. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir, prevented civilians from crossing, and detained a large number of civilians, claiming that they accessed a closed military zone. At 15:30, Israeli troops released the civilians. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the town of ‘Arraba and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tubas, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 02:00. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Arraba and searched 1 house belonging to a Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) Israeli troops, dispatched by Israeli army helicopters, raided and combed the area of Jader Mountain in the vicinity of the town of Tubas. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the vicinity of the town of ‘Arraba arrested Hakam Hasan ash Shibani.

	<p>Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Tubas arrested 2 civilians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mohammed Jalal Salah; and (iii) Raed Jameel Abdul Jawwad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Homesh attempted to raid the village of Al 'Asa'asa and threw stones at civilian vehicles. The Israeli army closed the entrances to the village. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> The Israeli army levelled land east of Tayasir checkpoint in order to expand military training areas.
TULKAREM	<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 iron gate set up on the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads to the city of Tulkarem. Civilian access to the city of Tulkarem is only permitted through the southern road by way of Jubara checkpoint. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of Qaffin with cement blocks and barbed wire. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to the village of Al 'Atara and the road between the towns of Bal'a and 'Illar with dirt barricades. • <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 14:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and arrested 4 civilians. (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Attil and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr Rumman and searched a number of houses. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Nur Shams and Tulkarem refugee camps, opened indiscriminate fire in Tulkarem refugee camp, and searched a number of houses and commercial shops. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in the city of Tulkarem and served 1 civilian in Nur Shams refugee camp a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. (iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir al Ghusun. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya arrested 4 unidentified civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of ‘Attil arrested Mu’awiya Yousef ‘Ashour. (iii) At 18:10, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem arrested Muntasser Yousef ‘Odeh, a Palestinian National Security officer. (iv) The Israeli army arrested Ayham at Tayeh in the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> Palestinian security forces handed over 1 M16 rifle, which fell off an Israeli army jeep in the area between the towns of ‘Attil and Deir al Ghusun on 16 August 2005, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> At 23:30, the Israeli army closed the iron gate set up at the northern entrance to the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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 restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 08:10, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and the village of Immatin and on the junction to the village of Jinsafut, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. • <u>Construction of Military Post:</u> The Israeli army constructed 1 military post, including over 20 tents, in the vicinity of the settlement of Kedumim. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 13:00, Palestinian security forces handed over Nael Hasan Ghanem, an Israeli citizen captured in the city of Qalqiliya in possession of illegal drugs, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the settlement of Shavei Shomron checkpoint along the Nablus-Jenin road and prevent civilians from crossing in both directions. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint south of the city of Nablus after arresting 1 child, ostensibly in possession of a suspicious object. At 11:45, the checkpoint was reopened. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 15-year-old Jihad Shakir Abu ‘Ayyash. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 22:40, a group of Israeli settlers, armed with guns, clubs, and knives, raided the village of Sabastiya. The Israeli army removed the settlers from the village.

<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint, preventing civilians from crossing. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat near the Green Line, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the villages of Marda and Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Haris and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions until 10:30. • <u>Raid/Attack on Religious Site:</u> At 20:10, Israeli army infantry forces raided the village of Yasuf, raided the village's mosque, damaged its contents, and withdrew at 21:30. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 17:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, members of the International Women's Peace Service, and international human rights organizations, took place in the town of Kifl Haris in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to prevent farmers not holding Jericho IDs from reaching their agricultural land, forcing them to apply for access permits. At various times, the Israeli army also impeded civilian movement into the city of Jericho. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilian vehicles leaving the city, violating the protocol by which security responsibility over the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja was transferred to the Palestinian Authority. The protocol allows the Israeli army to search civilian vehicles on a selective basis, without impeding civilian movement. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al

	<p>Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Al Karamah (Allenby) Bridge arrested Ibrahim Zuhier Sawalha from the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya while he was travelling to Jordan. • Settler Violence: At 01:30, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Vered Yericho opened fire and threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along Wadi al Qilt road.
<p>BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man, in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers civilians' residence in the village illegal. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. • Raid: On 16 August 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Asakira, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 university student. • Arrest: On 16 August 2005, the Israeli army arrested Raed Sa'id 'Uweidhah in the village of Al 'Asakira. • Destruction of Property: The Israeli army distributed notices to 20 civilians to evacuate their land in the village of 'Arab ar Rashayida. The Israeli army also distributed notices to demolish 5 sheep pens and makeshift houses and to confiscate 1 water well. • Settler Violence: At 17:45, a group of Israeli settlers assaulted a number of shepherds in the area of 'Arab ar Rashayida in the south-western Bethlehem district. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the area.
<p>HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shallala old and new streets in the H1 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks located 300 meters inside the H1 section.</p> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and as Samoa'. • Raids/House Occupation/Detention/Confiscation of Property: <p>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room.</p>

	<p>(ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, detained 3 Palestinian Police officers, while they were on duty and in uniform, and confiscated 1 pistol in their possession. At 15:00, the Israeli army released all 3 Police officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Munjed Mohammed al Yamani in the old city of Hebron. • Attack on Religious Site: The Israeli army prohibited the call to prayers from being broadcast in the Ibrahim Mosque, claiming that it disturbs Israeli settlers.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: At 11:50, the Israeli army closed all detour roads to the area of Al Malakeh on the Eastern Line east of Gaza city with dirt barricades and announced (through loudspeakers) that the area is a closed military zone. The Israeli army also stated that it would open fire towards any civilian attempting to enter the area. • Closure of Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ash Shuhada' – Netzarim Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction - Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed. • Attack: At 11:55, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security officer and his wife while they were entering their house south of Al Hajj Fadhl factory east of the Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: At 20:35, a group of Israeli settlers attacked civilian houses near the overpass to the area of Wadi as Salqa along Salah ad Din road. • Palestinian Attacks/Palestinian Security Measure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom. (ii) At 00:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom, but landed on Palestinian territory and did not explode. A Palestinian security patrol confiscated the mortar, along with its launching pad.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed. (iii) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.

- (iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.
- (v) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah checkpoint) is closed.
- (vi) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 23:15 on 16 August 2005, the Israeli army notified Palestinian authorities that it will open Abu Holi checkpoint from 07:00 until 07:30 for access of international organizations and from 21:00 until 05:00 for Palestinian civilian access.
- **Attacks:**
 - (i) At 08:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 5.5 towards Palestinian territory in the area of As Satr al Gharbi.
 - (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 10 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.
 - (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory in the area of As Satr al Gharbi.
- **Raids/House Occupation:**
 - (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided 150 meters into Palestinian territory south of Kessufim road, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.
 - (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory south of Al Amal neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis.
- **Arrests:** On 16 and 17 August 2005, the Israeli army arrested 10 civilians, including 3 children, in the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis:
 - (i) Fadi Khader Zu'rub, 17 years old;
 - (ii) Mohammed Ali Hasan an Najjar, 17 years old;
 - (iii) Sami Tawfiq al Lahham, 17 years old;
 - (iv) Ali Hasan Saleh an Najjar;
 - (v) Ashraf Mohammed Ali Sha'th;
 - (vi) Ahmed 'Urabi al Lahham;
 - (vii) Maher Mahmoud al 'Aqqad;
 - (viii) Sameer al Lahham;
 - (ix) Ahmed Yousef al Lahham; and
 - (x) 'Urabi Fadhl al Lahham.
- **House Demolition:** At 19:20, the Israeli army demolished 1 house in the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis belonging to 'Urabi al Lahham, a political prisoner.
- **Land Levelling:** At 12:05, the Israeli army levelled land near the Green Line east of the village of 'Abasan al Kabira.
- **Settler Violence:**
 - (i) At 19:25 on 16 August 2005, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to Jarrar al Qudwah School in the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis.
 - (ii) At 08:55, Israeli settlers raided and set fire to 1 civilian house in the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis.
 - (iii) At 21:00, 2 Israeli settlers threw suspicious objects on an empty area of land east of the settlement of Gadid.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00 on 16 August 2005, 3 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. (ii) At 09:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Israeli army checkpoint set up along the road to the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis. (iii) At 19:15, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Morag. (iv) At 22:05, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (v) At 22:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (vi) At 00:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, Palestinian security patrols combed the area surrounding the settlement of Morag in order to prevent armed Palestinian individuals from firing mortars towards the settlement. (ii) At 14:45, Palestinian security patrols combed the vicinity of the area of Al Maqaber (the ‘Cemeteries’) in An Namsawi neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis in search of explosive devices. (iii) At 15:10, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated a number of civilians who gathered near At Tuffah checkpoint along the road to the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed to Palestinian civilians under the age of 35. (iii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:25, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli buses in the area of the settlement of Morag. (ii) At 21:30, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Morag. The mortar landed in the vicinity of the settlement. (iii) At 23:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Morag. (iv) At 23:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam.