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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 August 2006 – 08:00 18 August 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	1	3	2 civilians in Bethlehem & 1 in C. Gaza
Injuries	2	1	3	Incl. 2 children in Qalqiliya district
Incursion	_	1	1	Areas east of the city of Rafah
Air Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. helicopter missiles on Al 'Ubeidiya
Attacks	5	10	15	Incl. 44 artillery shells fired on N. Gaza
Raids	22	2	24	Incl. 8 in Ramallah & 4 in Nablus
Air Patrols	2	6	8	5 by F16 aircraft & 3 by helicopters
Arrests	6	_	6	Incl. 2 children in Salfit district
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	2	2	East of Beit Hanun & east of Gaza city
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	2	3	Incl. forest trees set on fire, Bethlehem
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Huwwara & Beit Iba partially
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 5 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. An Nu'man village, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 5 in Salfit & 1 in Jericho
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	Taking position in Al Ahli Hospital's yard
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A checkpoint set up near 1 Police station
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. fire opened on Huwwara checkpoint
TOTAL	158	35	193	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up ALL on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the **DISTRICTS** northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. 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 Agsa Mosque compound. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to (i) Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir (iii) Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to (iv) the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya **JERUSALEM** 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:** (i) 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 (ii) 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.

Closure of Main Roads:

Mu'allimin to Al Jalazun refugee camp.

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The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern

entrance to the village of Sinjil and the road connecting Dahiyat al

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Saffa as well as the Ramallah-Jericho road (the segment between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud).
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction 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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Ibzi' and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:10.

• Raids:

- (i) At 04:00 on 17 August 2006, the Israeli army raided the village of Burham and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 14:40, and again at 18:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.
- (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Mazari' an Nubani, set up a checkpoint in the village's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched a number of uninhabited houses and withdrew at 19:30.
- (iv) At 16:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of 'Arura, set up a checkpoint at its eastern entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area.
- (v) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana and patrolled the area until 03:25.
- (vi) At 07:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Saleh 'Ata Mousa in the village of Burham.

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- <u>Closure of Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: on the junction to the town of 'Arraba on the Jenin-Nablus main road; in the area of As

	Suweitat east of the city of Jenin; and at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Anin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: (i) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Kufeirit, set up a checkpoint on the road to the town of Birqin, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Birqin. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the Dahiyat Dhinnaba- Kafr al Labad road; the Kafr al Labad-Shufa road; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road; 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road as well as at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). At 'Einav checkpoint, the Israeli army has confined crossing times to the period between 07:00 and 17:00 every day. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. 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: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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: 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/Injuries: At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of 'Azzun. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children.

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the (i) junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan (ii) 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: Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western (i) entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of (ii) Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades. Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern (iii) entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00. At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed (iv) on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit **NABLUS** (v) Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. **Raids/House Occupation/Attack:** At 17:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Agraba. (i) At 01:50, Israeli Special Forces raided and patrolled Balata refugee (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus (iii) and 'Askar refugee camp. In the city of Nablus, the Israeli army occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians in 'Askar refugee camp. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in 'Askar refugee camp: Ahmed Mohammed Natour: (i) Amjad Sabti Abdul Rahman; and (ii) Mohammed al Feeno. (iii) Palestinian Attack: At 21:40, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint. **Closure of Main Roads:** (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 *Intifada* (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western **SALFIT** 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. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut (i) 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.
	• Flying Checkpoints: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Biddya and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan on the Trans-Samaria Highway, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
	 Raids: (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Az Zawiya and Biddya and searched a number of houses. In the town of Az Zawiya, the Israeli
	army arrested 2 children. (iii) At 21:15, Israeli army infantry forces raided the village of Haris, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli troops also patrolled the area and withdrew at 22:30. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of Az Zawiya: (i) Ahmed Shqeir, 17 years old; and (ii) Yasser Salman al Mous'i, 15 years old.
IEDICHO	 <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 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. <u>Checkpoints</u>:
JERICHO	 (i) 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. (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access.
	 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 Pood # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Jerusalem.
BETHLEHEM	 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.

- Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Air Attack/Destruction of Property: At 09:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, set up a checkpoint near the town's Palestinian Police station, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 04:20, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided the town again. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli troops and armed Palestinian individuals. In addition, Israeli combat helicopters fired missiles towards a cave, killing 2 civilians and setting fire to forest trees. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya:
- (i) Khaled Mohammed ash Shanaytah; and
- (ii) 'Uqlah Suleiman ash Shanaytah.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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.
- Raid/Medical Obstruction: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and took position in *Al Ahli* Hospital's yard until 11:00.

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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 Beginning on 25 June 2006, the Israeli army has reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the district of Northern Gaza and imposed a sea blockade that has prevented Palestinian fishing boats from sailing. Beginning on 28 June 2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah. At 20:45, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the Gaza Strip districts.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Attacks/Injury: Between 08:00 on 17 August 2006 and 08:00 on 18 August 2006, the Israeli army fired 44 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near the wastewater lagoons, Balsam Hospital, An Nada residential towers, and Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya. The Israeli attacks resulted in the injury of 1 civilian. At 20:15, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya. Raid/Land Levelling: Beginning at 10:50 on 16 August 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the area of Abu Safiya east of the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army also levelled land near the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun and withdrew at 15:50. Palestinian Attacks: At 12:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 14:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Air Attack/Destruction of Property: At 02:00, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards and destroyed a blacksmith's workshop in Ad Daraj neighbourhood in Gaza city. Attack: At 18:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 94 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city. Raid/Land Levelling: At 10:05, the Israeli army, including 12 armoured vehicles and 4 bulldozers, raided 700 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 63 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and levelled land.
CENTRAL GAZA	 <u>Death</u>: At 13:30, the corpse of Ahmed Mousa Abu Bukrah was located at a distance of 1 km from the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. The Israeli army had opened fire and shot Abu Bukrah in the head. <u>Attacks</u>: (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 145 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Deir al Balah.

	(ii) At 05:30, Israeli navy boats opened indiscriminate fire towards the beach of the city of Deir al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	• Attack: At 11:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 147 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Incursion: 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.