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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 August 2007 – 08:00 18 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	—	2	2 armed Palestinian individuals, Jenin
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Protestors beaten in Al Walaja, Bethlehem
Injuries	10	—	10	Incl. 4 journalists & 1 Irish peace activist
Air Attack	—	1	1	2 missiles by helicopters, Northern Gaza
Attacks	7	4	11	Incl. 4 in raids and 3 from military posts
Raids	24	1	25	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 5 in Jenin
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Combat helicopters over Northern Gaza
Arrest (per person)	1	—	1	A civilian in the city of Qalqiliya
Detentions	16	—	16	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Khan Yunis
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	Agricultural crops in Khan Yunis
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. permits required at 2 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Humanitarian cases allowed access
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Ambulances denied access, Jenin
Palestinian Attacks	1	10	11	Incl. 2 explosive devices detonated
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Against the Wall, Ramallah & Bethlehem
TOTAL	144	26	170	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

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 intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil and with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. • 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 civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the underpass road to the village of 'Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the village of Jifna and Al Jalazun refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided the cities of El Bireh and Ramallah and patrolled the area until 03:25. (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • Demonstration/Attack/Injuries: A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian and 4 journalists with rubber-coated steel bullets. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Checkpoint: 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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fahma and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 13:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Al Yamun and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attack/Injuries/Medical Obstruction/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida and the village of Sir. (ii) At 18:50, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 6 Israeli army jeeps, raided the village of Kafr Dan. The Israeli army also closed entrances to the village with checkpoints and denied civilian access. In addition, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 2 armed individuals and injured 3 civilians. The Israeli army also denied access to ambulances to evacuate the injured civilians, searched a number of houses, and detained as well as interrogated many civilians. (iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida. (iv) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of As Sa'ada forest west of the city of Jenin. • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals in the village of Kafr Dan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Saleh Darwish; and (ii) Nour Ibrahim Mar'i.
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:20. (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Illar's plain. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area until 04:30.

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of ‘Azzun to the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib. • 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: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Habla, set up a checkpoint, forced civilians to strip for searches, and patrolled the area. At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the village again and opened indiscriminate fire. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, pursue a civilian vehicle, and arrested the driver. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested ‘Adel Abu Duheil in the city of Qalqiliya.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack/Injury:</u> (i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided ‘Askar refugee camp in the city of Nablus and opened indiscriminate fire, after an explosive device was thrown at an Israeli army jeep. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and ‘Ein Beit el Ma’ refugee camp. In the refugee camp, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 female civilian. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za’tara junction checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari’el. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Salfit and the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:45. • <u>Raids:</u> At 23:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Bruqin and patrolled the area until 00:20.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 IDs. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al ‘Auja along Al Mu’arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja. • <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Injury:</u> A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place on land belonging to the village of Al Walaja in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops beat protestors with rifle butts, injuring 1 civilian and 1 Irish peace activist.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the overpass to the town of Halhul and the other at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis, and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the northern and southern entrances to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 20:35, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Bab az Zawiya, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time and patrolled the area.</p>
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. • <u>Air Attack:</u> In the evening on 17 August 2007, Israeli combat helicopters fired 2 missiles towards a mortar-launching pad near the American School in the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Attack:</u> In the evening on 17 August 2007, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <p>(i) In the morning on 17 August 2007, 2 mortars were fired towards Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing on the Green Line.</p> <p>(ii) In the evening on 17 August 2007, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p> <p>(iii) On 17 August 2007, 6 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p>
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <p>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</p> <p>(ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. (The Israeli authorities prevented transportation of fuel through the Crossing).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 17:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p> <p>(ii) In the evening on 17 August 2007, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</p> <p>(iii) At 19:45, 2 unidentified mortars as well as 4 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p> <p>(iv) On 17 August 2007, 6 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</p>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attacks:</u> <p>(i) At 16:50, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army bulldozer near the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) In the morning on 18 August 2007, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory. (iii) In the evening on 17 August 2007, 12 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 14:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards armed Palestinian individuals east of the city of Khan Yunis. • Raid/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: In the morning on 18 August 2007, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of the neighbourhood of Al Farahin and levelled agricultural land.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <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.