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DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 August 2006 – 08:00 19 August 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	2	3	Tulkarem (1), N. Gaza (1), & Gaza (1)
Physical Assaults	7	—	7	Incl. 1 child beaten in old city of Hebron
Injuries	6	4	10	Incl. 2 children & 1 Pal. security officer
Incursion	—	1	1	Areas east of the city of Rafah
Attacks	3	8	11	Incl. 70 artillery shells fired on Rafah
Raids	19	3	22	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Tulkarem
Air Patrol	—	1	1	F16 combat aircraft over Northern Gaza
Arrests	8	—	8	Incl. Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Near Rujeib village & east of Beit Hanun
Destruction of Property	4	1	5	Incl. 2 vehicles damaged & trees burnt
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. Al Badhan checkpoint completely
Flying Checkpoints	6	—	6	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. An Nu'man village, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	40	—	40	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 10 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	—	1	1	Fire opened towards 1 ambulance, Gaza
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	Attempts to fire 3 mortars failed
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Against the Wall in Bil'in & Al Khadr
TOTAL	128	32	160	

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 Al Aqsa Mosque compound, impeding civilian access to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared 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 Bared 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 was suspended for the weekend 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"> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Jaba' on the Jerusalem-Ramallah main road, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian, claiming that he beat an Israeli soldier.
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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: The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya and arrested 2 children. • Arrests: <p>(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' arrested Khaled al Qawasmi.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of Al 'Eizariya:</p> <p>(ii) Dawoud Waleed as Sinnawi, 14 years old; and</p> <p>(iii) Khaled Hasan Mbarak, 14 years old.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(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.</p> <p>(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).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 was suspended for the weekend 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: <p>(i) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.</p> <p>(iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana.</p> <p>(iv) At 04:10, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and arrested the Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister, after having searched 1 house. At 04:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <p>(i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Nafez Thyab Dahdoulan.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr 'Ein:</p> <p>(ii) Munadhel Akram Abu Kishk, 17 years old; and</p> <p>(iii) Salam Abdul Fattah Daghrah.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army arrested in the city of Ramallah Dr. Nasser ad Din ash Sha'er, the Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister and member of the Palestinian Legislative Council.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration/Injuries/Destruction of Property:</u> 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 sprayed protestors with water containing an unknown chemical, leaving 4 civilians and 1 journalist with skin burns. The Israeli army also fired sound grenades, setting fire to a number of olive trees.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Abu Da'if. (ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Tura and searched 1 house. (iii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, set up a checkpoint at the city's north-western entrance, and patrolled the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Izbat Shufa and pursued a civilian vehicle, causing the vehicle to overturn. As a result, 1 civilian sustained critical wounds and died later at hospital. In addition, 2 other

	<p>civilian were injured. Of these, Bassem 'Afeef Abu Hamdah was in critical condition.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem as well as Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camps.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death: In the village of 'Izbat Shufa, Majed Khamees Sa'adeh died of critical injuries sustained after his vehicle turned over while the Israeli army was pursuing him.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</p> <p>(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.</p> • Wall Gates: <p>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> • 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. • Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault: <p>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Elyas on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun, searched civilians and vehicles, and beat Nazeeh Bassam Ahmed.</p> • Raid/Destruction of Property: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum, searched 1 house, and damaged 1 civilian vehicle.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus.</p> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades.</p> <p>(iii) Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack/Injuries: At 22:20, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint opened fire towards and injured 2 civilians, after which they were transported to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Mohammed Khaled as Sabtan. • Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: At 22:15, the Israeli army levelled land cultivated with olive trees along the settler bypass road near the village of Rujeib.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • Checkpoints: <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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • Raid/Injury: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 11-year-old Mohammed Radhi Abdullah, who was transported to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.
JERICHO	<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.
BETHLEHEM	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of ‘Ayda refugee camp, and northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • Raids: At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur and patrolled the area. • Demonstration: At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Al Khadr in protest against Wall construction.
<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 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: <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) 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend: 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Physical Assault:</u> Israeli troops severely beat 17-year-old Lu'ay Fawzi ar Razem near the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions and other injuries. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Nuba.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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 2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • <u>Attack:</u> At 17:05, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, killing 1 civilian. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Ghanem al Khateeb northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles, raided 750 metres into the area of Abu Safiya east of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled agricultural land. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 20:10, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it landed on Palestinian territory. (ii) At 18:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it landed on Palestinian territory.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • <u>Raid/Injuries/Attacks/Medical Obstruction:</u> At 15:20, Israeli army infantry forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 70 on the Green Line east of Gaza city. An armed confrontation took place Israeli troops and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli troops killed 1 armed Palestinian individual and injured another. In addition, the Israeli troops injured 1 Palestinian National Security officer, who was present inside a Palestinian National Security location in the area. Despite prior liaison through the DCO, the Israeli troops also opened fire towards 1 ambulance travelling to transport the corpse of the killed Palestinian individual. • <u>Killing:</u> Israeli troops killed Mohammed Omar an Nather east of Gaza city.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 18:55, Israeli navy boats opened fire and fired flares towards the beach of the city of Deir al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:55, the Israeli army, including 5 armoured vehicles and 1 jeep, raided 20 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 19:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it landed on Palestinian territory.
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>Attacks/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory west of Sufa Crossing, injuring 1 civilian. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the area surrounding Yasser 'Arafat International Airport towards civilian houses east of the city of Rafah, injuring 1 civilian. (iii) Between 03:00 and 08:00, the Israeli army fired 70 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards uninhabited areas east of the city of Rafah.