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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 August 2006 - 08:00 20 August 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	_	2	1 civilian in Nablus & 1 in Jericho
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 Pal. security officer beaten in Nablus
Injuries	17	_	17	Incl. 4 children & 1 Pal. security officer
Incursion	_	1	1	Areas east of the city of Rafah
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 8 from posts & 1 by navy boats
Raids	22	_	22	Incl. 8 in Bethlehem & 2 in Hebron
Air Patrols	2	7	9	Incl. 5 by F16 aircraft & 3 by helicopters
Arrests	12	_	12	Incl. 3 female civilians & 2 Pal. officers
Detentions	21	_	21	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	2	_	2	2 civilian vehicles, Nablus & Bethlehem
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the city of Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Al Badhan checkpoint completely
Flying Checkpoints	29	_	29	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem and 7 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. the city of Jerusalem partially
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 10 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	An ambulance denied access, Nablus
Settlement Activity	*	_	_	Plan to construct a settler road delivered
Settler Violence	1		1	Civilian vehicles stoned in Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2		2	Incl. taking position near 1 security HQ
Palestinian Attack	1	_	1	Fire opened towards Al Hamra checkpoint
TOTAL	204	17	221	

DISTRICT	EVENT

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• 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.

• <u>Closure</u>: 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 Aqsa Mosque compound.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the town of Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area.
- (iv) 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

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Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the underpass road to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Anata and searched civilians and vehicles.

	 (iii) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to Dahiyat Beit Hanina in the city of Jerusalem and the other near the village of Beit Iksa, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qalandiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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). 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 resumed 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 23:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Kharbatha al Misbah, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Raids/Settlement Activity:
JENIN	 Closure of Road: 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. 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. 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 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr Ra'i and prevented civilians from accessing the city of Jenin.
- (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and the other at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the town of 'Arraba as well as the villages of Fahma and Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Detention:

- (i) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 05:00.
- (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Tammun and surrounded 1 house belonging to an armed Palestinian individual, who opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus main road. In addition, the Israeli army detained and interrogated the house residents. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- <u>Air Patrols</u>: Israeli combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp.

• <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.

• 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.

• <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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 12:30, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of 'Anabta and searched 1 house.

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Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural (i) roads east of the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (ii) 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 (i) Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. **QALQILIYA Flying Checkpoints:** At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern (i) entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village (ii) of Al Funduq on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Curfew/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 06:40, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, imposed curfew, closed the city's 2 entrances with checkpoints, and denied civilian access to or from the city. In addition, the Israeli army took position near the offices of the Palestinian National Security Headquarters. The Israeli army remains positioned in the city as of 08:00 this morning. Settler Violence: At 20:45, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karnei Shomron threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road. **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: **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.

- (v) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- (vi) At 17:00, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint, allegedly for suspecting that 2 civilians were in possession of explosives. At 18:40, the checkpoint was reopened.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beita, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Jamma'in on the Trans-Samaria Highway and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians who were present at Huwwara checkpoint, injuring 2 civilians, including 1 child.
- (ii) At 04:40, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint opened fire towards a taxi, while it was attempting to travel along an unpaved detour road near the checkpoint, injuring 5 civilians. Of those injured, 2 civilians were in critical condition. While an Israeli ambulance was transporting the critically injured civilians to an Israeli hospital, 1 civilian died. The other injured civilian was Burhan Hani Ishtayyeh.
- <u>Killing</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint killed Jalal Hussam 'Odeh.
- <u>Physical Assault/Medical Obstruction</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint severely beat Ali as Safadi, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, leaving him with injuries. Israeli troops also prevented an ambulance from transporting As Safadi to Nablus Public Hospital.

• Raids/Injuries/Confiscation of Property:

- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Till. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 6 civilians, including 3 children. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Jamma'in and confiscated 1 civilian vehicle, while it was patrolling the area.

• Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Fadi Mohammed Abdul Razzaq.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 'Imad Abdul Salam 'Ameereh.

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• 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 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.

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• Checkpoints:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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.
- <u>Attack/Injuries</u>: At 21:55, the Israeli army opened fire towards a number of Palestinian workers near the town of Az Zawiya, while they were attempting to cross the Green Line. As a result, 3 workers were inured.
- Raid: At 15:15, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer, and withdrew at 15:50.

• Arrests:

- (i) At 15:35, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Bassem Jameel al Jarmi, a Palestinian National Security officer.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Rami Bakr Naji, a civilian resident of the town of Kafr ad Dik, while he was working in an area inside the Green Line.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Nader Wassef Abdul Majeed, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of Kafr ad Dik.

• <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>Checkpoint</u>: 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid/Detentions: At 03:05, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the city of Jericho, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also detained 5 civilians and released them at a later time. At 04:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- Palestinian Attack/Attack: At 13:00, armed Palestinian individuals riding in a taxi opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus main road, killing 1 Israeli soldier. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards the taxi, killing 1 armed Palestinian individual. The Israeli troops also arrested the taxi driver.
- <u>Killing</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint killed Mohammed Ahmed Bani 'Odeh.

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Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Tawfeeq Abdullah Qandeel in the city of (i) Jericho. Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint arrested Mohammed (ii) Ziyad Dahesh. 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 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 resumed in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, and northwest of the city of Beit Jala. Flying Checkpoints/Confiscation of Property: At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the town of Tuqu', searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. At 21:25, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to (ii) the town of Tuqu' as well as the villages of Um as Salamuna and Jorat ash Shma'a and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to the city of Beit Jala, searched civilians and vehicles, **BETHLEHEM** and confiscated 1 civilian vehicle, allegedly as it was suspicious. At 00:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (iv) the village of Al Khas and searched civilians and vehicles. Attack: At 01:00, the Israeli army fired flares over the village of Dar Salah and the area of Wadi al Hummos. **Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur as well as the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. The Israeli army also took position in front of the Palestinian Police station in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and patrolled the area. At 15:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 16:40, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (ii) cities of Bethlehem and Beit Jala. At 18:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the area of Al 'Ubayyat in the (iii) city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a (iv) checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the village again, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:00. **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' arrested Iyad Dawoud Zawahreh.

	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Khaled Mohammed Abu Haniyyeh in the village of Dar Salah.
HEBRON	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) 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. * Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed: 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. * Flving Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: on the overpass to the town of

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. Air Patrols: At 14:40, 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: At 00:55, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. At 02:30, the Israeli army fired flares from its locations on the Green Line over the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. Air Patrol: At 01:25, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the northern area of the district of Northern Gaza. Expulsion: At 10:30, the Israeli army demanded (by telephone) that Iyad ar Rafati, a Palestinian Police officer, evacuate his house in Beit Lahiya housing project in order to shell it.
GAZA	• <u>Air Patrol</u> : At 21:30, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the western area of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	Attacks: (i) At 09:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 102 on the Green Line towards a number of civilians, who were present at a distance of 500 metres from the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. (ii) At 21:45, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Deir al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open. At 08:00, Rafah Crossing was open to passengers until 14:45. The Crossing was also open from 16:00 to 19:00. 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.