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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 20 August 2005 – 08:00 21 August 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	1 child beaten with rifle butts
Attacks	1	4	5	Incl. 1 during a raid & 4 by settlers
Raids	16	—	16	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 3 in Hebron
Arrests	7	—	7	Incl. 1 Palestinian Police officer
Detentions	22	—	22	Incl. 4 Palestinian security officers
House Demolitions	*	—	—	Notices to demolish 6 houses
Wall Construction	24	—	24	Incl. Jer., Ram'lh., Beth., Salfit, Qalq.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. crops and an irrigation network
Land Confiscation	5	—	4	Incl. 1,585 <i>dunums</i> in Jer. for Wall
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 wireless device in Ramallah
House Occupations	2	—	2	In Bal'a and Dura
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	26	—	26	Incl. 7 in Ramallah & 6 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	*	(9)	—	Incl. vicinity of settlements in Jenin
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. Um ar Rihan gate closed
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. 2 partially open
Settlement Activity	1*	—	1	Incl. 1 quarry constructed in Shufa
Settler Violence	6	—	6	Incl. attempt to raid Burqa in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. open fire towards 1 checkpoint
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	5	Incl. 3 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	1	2	3	1 female Israeli citizen handed over
TOTAL	122	15	137	

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

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 and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, preventing civilians under the age of 45 from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque. The Israeli army also used a surveillance balloon, equipped with cameras, to observe worshippers in Al Aqsa Mosque. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint and impede civilian access. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the village of Beit Iksha checkpoint and prevent civilians from crossing in both directions. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction 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, and in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. Wall Land Confiscation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army issued Military Order #T/150/05 confiscating 87 <i>dunums</i> (21.75 acres) of land belonging to the neighbourhood of At Tur for Wall construction. The Israeli army issued Military Order #T/151/05 confiscating 477 <i>dunums</i> (119.25 acres) of land belonging to the town of Al 'Eizariya for Wall construction. The Israeli army issued Military Order #T/152/05 confiscating 809 <i>dunums</i> (202.25 acres) of land belonging to the town of Abu Dis for Wall Construction. The Israeli army issued Military Order #T/153/05 confiscating 212 <i>dunums</i> (53 acres) of land belonging to the village of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya for Wall construction.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> Israeli authorities approved a settlement plan to construct 100 housing units and 1 hotel on 48 <i>dunums</i> (12 acres) of land in the area of Jabal al Mukabbir in the city of Jerusalem.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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, and in the town of Beituniya. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Dura al Qar' and Jifna, detained Mohammed al Marbou', a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him after confiscating his wireless communications device. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik and at the entrance to the village of Kafr Ni'ma, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (iii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints in the vicinity of the village of Beitillu and at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh. At 19:00, and again at 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 22:30. (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the area between the villages of Kharbatha Bani Harith and Bil'in and detained a number of civilians for several hours. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Sinjil, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Settlement Evacuation Areas:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Israeli settlements slated for evacuation in the district of Jenin. The Israeli army also designated alternate roads, including detour routes, connecting towns and villages to the city of Jenin for civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of 'Arraba with cement blocks. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up in the vicinity of the village of Imreiha south of the town of Ya'bad along the road connecting the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem and to deny civilian access in both directions. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close Al Jalama Commercial Crossing, preventing civilians from crossing. The Israeli army opened Salim Crossing as an alternative, which will be open 3 days a week from

	<p>09:00 until 13:00.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian access (except for humanitarian cases) to Um ar Rihan (Shaked) gate to 3 hours daily from 07:00–08:00, 13:00–14:00, and 17:00–18:00.</p> <p>(vi) At 17:00, the Israeli army closed the entrance to the town of Jaba' with cement blocks.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented civilians from crossing in both directions. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the vicinity of the village of Tammun and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the main road between the town of 'Arraba and the village of Bir al Basha and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city of Jenin. (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Aqqaba and Al Kufeir, arrested 1 civilian, and detained 3 individuals, including 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer, for several hours. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the vicinity of the town of Tammun arrested Yousef Ahmed Subh, a Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the villages of 'Aqqaba and Al Kufeir arrested 'Izz ad Din Mohammed Zakarneh. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Omar Hardan, a Palestinian Police officer, in the town of 'Arraba. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> At 21:15, an Israeli army jeep drove through civilian agricultural land in the village of Bardala, destroying crops and 1 irrigation network.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up at the junction to the settlement of 'Einav along the Tulkarem-Nablus road, preventing civilians from crossing in both directions. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to the town of Qaffin with cement blocks and barbed wire. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to the village of Al 'Atara with dirt barricades.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 09:15, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Deir al Ghusun, 'Illar, and 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/House Occupation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a, set up several checkpoints at its entrances and along detour routes, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:00. (iii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the area of the woods opposite Nur Shams refugee camp and fired flares while combing the area. (iv) At 23:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint in the city centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Nidhal Abdul Latif Abu Khazneh in the town of 'Attil. • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> The Israeli army constructed 1 quarry on previously-levelled land belonging to the village of Shufa near the settlement of Avnei Hefetz, polluting the environment and damaging olive trees due to dust discharged by the quarry.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and in the area east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • <u>Flying checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jayyus and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road opposite the entrance to the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 14:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 18 August 2005, the Israeli army arrested Kifah Na'im Shawahneh from Kedumim Interrogation and Detention Centre while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Service. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Jayyus arrested Bakr Abdul Ra'ouf Khaled. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested Haytham 'Awni Ahmed in the vicinity of the village of 'Azzun 'Atma, claiming that he was driving a bulldozer without possessing a driver's license. • <u>House Demolition Notices:</u> The Israeli army distributed notices to demolish 6 civilian houses in the village of Al Funduq. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, a group of Israeli settler erected a sit-in tent along the settler bypass road near the village of Kafr Qaddum. (ii) At 00:20, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim attempted to raid 1 house belonging to Maher Yamin in the area between the villages of Jit and Kafr Qaddum. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the house. (iii) A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sha'arei Tikva near the settlement of 'Azzun 'Atma threw stones at civilian vehicles. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> Palestinian security forces handed over an Israeli female citizen, located in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> At 07:00, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the junction to the village of Jit to Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access, ostensibly to conduct thorough searches. (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junction to the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and at the entrance to the village of Talluza and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa. • <u>Land Confiscation:</u> The Israeli army issued Military Order #T/146/05 confiscating an unidentified area of land belonging to the village of Qaryut for expansion of the settlement of Shilo. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 01:50, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to raid the village of Burqa. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the village.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various times in the morning, impeding civilian movement. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint, impeding civilian access in both directions. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat near the Green Line, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the villages of Marda and Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:30. • <u>Detention:</u> At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at Za'tara checkpoint detained Mu'ath Shahrour, a Palestinian National Security officer, for several hours.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to prevent farmers not holding Jericho IDs from reaching their agricultural land, forcing them to apply for access permits. At various times, the Israeli army also impeded civilian movement into the city of Jericho. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the road to the village of An Nu'man, in the north-eastern Bethlehem district, isolating the village. The Israeli army considers civilians' residence in the village illegal. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Raid:</u> At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area. • <u>Detention:</u> At 15:15, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Beit Jala detained Nayef Saleem Ikhleif, a Palestinian National Security officer, for several hours. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 13:15, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion, damaging 1 civilian bus.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shallala old and new streets in the H1 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks located 300 meters inside the H1 section.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and as Samoa'. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • Raids/House Occupation/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <p>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron, raided 1 playground, and searched a number of Palestinian Police officers while they were on duty and in uniform.</p> <p>(iii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Wadi Ali in the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched a number of houses.</p> • Physical Assaults: <p>(i) Israeli troops severely beat 1 child, Hasan Mousa Abu Sneineh, with rifle butts in the area of As Sahleh in the old city of Hebron, after which he lost consciousness. Abu Sneineh was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army assaulted the family of Mohammed Khalil Abu Iqbeitah's and forced them out of their land near the settlement of Sussia south of the town of Yatta.</p> • Settler Violence: At 17:00, a group of Israeli settlers provoked a French delegation, including 6 members, during a visit to observe the situation of civilians in the old city of Hebron. A civilian protected the French visitors in his house. Israeli settlers also threw stones at the civilian's family members. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the area.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to humanitarian cases and VIPs only. • Palestinian Attacks: <p>(i) At 15:25, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</p> <p>(ii) At 15:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</p>
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> (i) Ash Shuhada' – Netzarim Junction remains closed. (ii) Ash Shuhada' Junction - Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing road is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 civilian house near the settlement of Kfar Darom while a number of journalists were climbing up the house. • <u>Palestinian Attacks/Palestinian Security Measure:</u> (i) At 22:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards 1 Israeli army military post in the vicinity of the city of Deir al Balah. (ii) At 00:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops in the area surrounding Abu Holi checkpoint. Palestinian security forces pursued the armed Palestinian individuals to prevent them from opening fire again. The armed individuals, however, managed to escape.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) is closed. (iii) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. (iv) Deir al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (v) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (At Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (vi) Abu Holi road is partially open. • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Netzer Hazani towards civilian houses in the area of As Satr al Gharbi. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Gosh Katif towards civilian houses in the area of As Satr al Gharbi. (iii) At 22:25, the Israeli army opened fire towards the Palestinian National Security checkpoint leading to the area of Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 01:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid, but landed on Palestinian territory. Palestinian security forces pursued the armed Palestinian individuals who fired the mortar and confiscated the launching pad.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed to Palestinian civilians under the age of 35. (iii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed.

GENERAL

WORK PRMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> (i) Israeli authorities cancelled previously-issued access permits and issued special permits for workers to work inside the Green Line during the current closure. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 664 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, none of the workers possessing work permits were allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (iii) Israeli authorities renewed 188 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line. However, only 47 workers (approximately 25% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to areas inside the Green Line. (iv) Israeli authorities issued permits for 51 workers from the Gaza Strip to stay overnight inside the Green Line.
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