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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 26 August 2008 – 08:00, 27 August 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Arrests (per person)	11	—	11	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya & 4 in Hebron
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	28	—	28	Incl. 11 in Jenin & 6 in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 2 in Nablus
Attack	1	—	1	During confrontations in Fahma village
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. troops positioned near a patrol
House Occupation	1	—	1	A building in the city of Nablus
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Uprooting 200 fruitful grape seedlings
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	52	—	52	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 5 in Salfit
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only partial opening of Beit Hanun
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. throw stones towards a TIPH patrol
TOTAL	177	6	183	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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 continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-Bareed to al-Ram town to complete Wall construction in the area. 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. Checkpoints: 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al-Bareed, Dahiyat al-Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of al-'Eizariya to al-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: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Burqa and arrested a civilian. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched a number of houses and issues summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency. (ii) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh until 03:55. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested at the entrance to the village of Burqa the civilian Ra'fat Fares Awwad. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • At 01:25, the Israeli army raided • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Arraba and Kafr Ra'i and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:50 on 6 August 2008, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Zububa. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jalqamus. (iii) At 08:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin. Again at 03:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area until 05:40. (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Arraba and Kafr Ra'i. (v) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Yamun town. (vi) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided Fahma village. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. (vii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Araqa and patrolled the area until 01:10. (viii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Birqin and the village of Kafr Dan. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Tayasir.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm 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 western entrance to the village of Shofeh.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Illar. (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided Qaffin town and searched 2 houses. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:00, a sit in demonstration by the families of political prisoners took place opposite the ICRC headquarters in the city of Tulkarm, in solidarity with their children in Israeli jails, and demanding their release. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Azzun. Again at 02:00, the Israeli army raided the area, searched a number of houses, arrested 4 civilians and withdrew at 03:00. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested in the town of Azzun the civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Qusay Walid Na’im Radwan; (ii) Jawad Husni Hussein; (iii) Mahmoud Hassan Salim; and (iv) Ahmad Naser Mansour. • <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 its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.
NABLUS	<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 with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. (ii) On 10 August 2008, the Israeli army re-opened the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron, allowing daily passage from 06:00 until 17:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of Asira As Shamaliya. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Asira As Shamaliya. (ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army raided Nablus city and occupied a building and converted it into a military post after detaining its residents. Again at 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Badhan, set up a flying checkpoint, patrolled the area and withdrew at 20:00. (iv) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and searched a house. (v) The Israeli army raided Deir Al Hatab village and arrested a civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested in Deir Al Hatab village the civilian Waheed Yahya Ismail.
SALFIT	<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 with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr Ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 14:40, the Israeli army raided Deir Istiya town, searched a house and withdrew at 15:50. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the D.C.O. checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 19:20, the Israeli army arrested at the D.C.O. checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho the Palestinian National Security officer Mu’in Muhammad Abdallah Hilles. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army detained at Al Karamah (Allenby) Crossing the director of public relations in the civil police brigadier Adnan Haykal Dhamiri upon his return from Jordan and released him at 16:15.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 16:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Taqu’a town and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:20. • <u>Detention:</u> At 17:30, the Israeli army detained at Al Container checkpoint the Palestinian National Security officer Maher Bassam Abu Sharab and released him at 18:30 following the intervention of military liaison. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> A group of settlers from the settlement of Bitar Illite stole the grape crop and uprooted 200 fruitful grape seedlings from the land of the civilian Ghazi Naji Shoshah in the village of Husan. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

HEBRON

- **Closure:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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 traveling 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 entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south 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 neighborhood 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 traveling 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.
 - (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
 - (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate installed on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa north of Hebron city, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing. The Israeli army designated times for the daily opening of the gate: 05:00 until 07:00 and 09:00 until 13:00.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and arrested a Palestinian police officer.
 - (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Surif town, set up a checkpoint, issued summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency, arrested a civilian and withdrew at 12:30.

	<p>(ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, positioned troops near a Palestinian civil police patrol, searched a building and a house and arrested a civilian.</p> <p>(iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 26 August 2008, the Israeli army arrested during a raid on Dura town the civilian Muntaser Muhammad Abdulkarim Nassar. (ii) The Israeli army arrested at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of Hebron city the police officer Hazem Salim Qufaishah. (iii) The Israeli army arrested in Surif town the civilian Sharif Ali Adwan. (iv) The Israeli army arrested in Hebron city the civilian Tahsin Hamadah Abu Eishah. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> On 25 August 2008, a group of settlers threw stones and empty bottles towards civilian houses in Al Ja'bari neighborhood in the old city of Hebron. They also threw stones towards a TIPH patrol • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ceasefire agreement is holding. It started at 06:00 on 19 June 2008, and included, <i>inter alia</i>, a complete cessation of all hostilities.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially opened (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: (ALL CLOSED) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.