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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 August 2009 – 08:00 27 August 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	1	1	A security officer of injuries sustained
Injury	1	—	1	A civilian critically wounded, Hebron
Attacks	3	9	12	6 in raids and 6 from military posts
Raids	21	2	23	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	—	2	2	Reconnaissance over N. and C. Gaza
Arrest (per person)	17	—	17	Incl. injured civilian & 4 college students
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 3 in Hebron
House Demolition	1	—	1	A house annex demolished, Jerusalem
Land Levelling	—	2	2	Agricultural land in N. and C. Gaza
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	Crops in Northern and Central Gaza
Confiscation of Property	6	—	6	5 ID cards and radio transmitters
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	46	—	46	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya & 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	Incl. food supplies and aid allowed
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Entrances to Ibrahimi Mosque closed
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Civilian houses stoned in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. Police car detained in Bethlehem
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	Fire opened & mortars fired on G. Line
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Ramallah
TOTAL	165	23	188	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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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<p>JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Closure:</p> <p>(i) 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.</p> <p>(ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).</p> <p>(iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.</p> <p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>House Demolition: On 26 August 2009, the Israeli army forced Mohammed Feisal Jaber to demolish a 28 m²-annex to his house in the area of 'Aqbat al Khalidiya in the old city of Jerusalem, claiming that it had been built without the required construction licence. Otherwise, Jaber would have paid a fine of ILS 50,000 (approximately USD 12,500).</p> <p>Wall Gates:</p> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</p>
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	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
<p>RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Surd, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit, searched 2 houses, and arrested 2 university students. (ii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jifna and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 university students in the town of Bir Zeit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ala' Adib as Seifi; and (ii) Ahmed Khalil Mahmoud al 'Eishawi. • Demonstration: At 11:35, families of political prisoners and international peace activists held a sit-in demonstration in front of 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre in solidarity with prisoners. Participants also protested against preventing family visits to political prisoners and demanded that they be released from Israeli prisons. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p>JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 01:00. • Raid: At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Kamel Mustafa Qa'qour in the town of 'Arraba. • <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.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.
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 with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of 'Attil and Bal'a. • <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 agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Funduq, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a university student. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sanniriya. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and searched 1 house. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:20, the Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Adam Badwan, a resident of the town of 'Azzun, while he was present on his land in the area between the towns of 'Azzun and Jayyus. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al Funduq arrested Thaer Jihad Mustafa Rabee'. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Mahmoud Khalil Salami in the city of Qalqiliya. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; and the main road and eastern entrance to entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Till and Madama; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At ‘Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. • Raid: At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Raid/Attack/Detentions/Confiscation of Property: At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while searching a number of houses. In addition to arresting 3 civilians, the Israeli army also detained 3 others and released them after having seized their ID cards. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Yasuf: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Mustafa Musleh; (ii) Nathmi Farhan Yaseen; and (iii) Ramzi Ahmed Qassem ‘Ubeid.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
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 IDs. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 22:40. • Raid: On 26 August 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Jiftlik, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint arrested Rami Qassem Yousef 'Ubeid. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Tareq Ahmed Isma'il in the village of Al Jiftlik.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • Closure of Main Roads: In addition to detour roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Wadi Rahhal-the settlement of Efrat; and a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • Checkpoint: At 15:40, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the evening of 25 August 2009, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, raided offices of the <i>Al Harriya</i> Radio Station, and confiscated transmitters. (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar. (iii) At 04:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Nahhalin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Taher Najajreh; (ii) Mahmoud Nimer Najajreh; and (iii) Mahmoud 'Isa Abdul Qader. • <u>Detention:</u> At 17:50, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Fadi Khadher Sa'adeh, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 21:10, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a Palestinian Police vehicle transporting a Police officer, while he was travelling to the city of Bethlehem. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released both the vehicle and the officer. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

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| | <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(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 Road # 60.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 35 north of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Attack/Injury:</u> At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron opened fire towards and critically injured a civilian, allegedly because he had attempted to stab a soldier. Having also arrested the injured civilian, the Israeli army closed entrance to the Ibrahim Mosque and denied civilian access until 13:00. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <p>(i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched 1 house. At 17:55, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Beit Kahil and Taffuh.</p> <p>(iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of At Tabaqa and arrested a university student.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ahmed Yousef Abu Ras in the village of At Tabaqa.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Ubaydah Mahir al Qadsi, an injured civilian, at the entrance to Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron.</p> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian houses adjacent to the old building of the Hebron Municipality in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil. |
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilians and property in the districts of Northern and Central Gaza. Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line also opened fire towards civilian houses in the districts of Gaza and Khan Yunis. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire and fired mortars towards Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) and Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing Points east of Gaza city.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • <u>Raid/Attack/Air Patrol/Land Levelling:</u> At 07:30, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory east of Al Maqbara ash Sharqiya east of the town of Jabalya. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and agricultural land. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. In addition, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. • <u>Death:</u> At dawn on 25 August 2009, Mohammed Nijem, a Palestinian Presidential Guard officer, died of critical injuries sustained during an Israeli air attack on Yasser 'Arafat's compound in Gaza city in 2003. All over this period, Nijem received medical treatment of shrapnel that had hit him in the head and chest. • <u>Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 06:35, 2 mortars were fired towards Israeli positioned in the area surrounding Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing Point east of Gaza city. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory.

	<p>(ii) At 07:55, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire and fired a number of mortars towards Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing Point east of Gaza city. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards Palestinian territory.</p>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> At 11:00, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property as well as levelled agricultural land. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> On 26 August 2009, the Israeli army intensive opened from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land east of the towns of Al Qarara, 'Abasan al Kabira, and Khuza'a.
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 (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 85 ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.