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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 July 2006 – 08:00 04 July 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	2	3	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	2 civilians beaten, Qalqiliya & Hebron
Injuries	8	1	9	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Air Attacks	—	3	3	Missiles fired by UAVs & a helicopter
Attacks	6	9	15	Incl. 6 in a raid & 2 by naval boats
Raids	27	2	29	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 6 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	1	5	6	2 by UAVs & 4 by helicopters
Arrests	10	1	11	Incl. 3 Palestinian Police officers
Detentions	16	—	16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	1	1	2	incl. north & east of Beit Hanun town
Wall Construction	32	—	32	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	2	4	Incl. 1 taxi damaged in El Bireh city
Land Confiscation	2	—	2	Incl. 1.4 <i>dunums</i> in Al 'Auja, Jericho
Confiscation of Property	4	—	4	Incl. computers and files, Jericho
House Occupations	3	4	7	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 4 in N. Gaza
Curfews	2	—	2	Over Kafr 'Ein and Zawata villages
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. Huwwara & Beit Iba partially
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 6 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem & 9 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Incl. Al Muntar & Beit Hanun partially
School Disruption	1	1	2	Incl. 1 school converted into a mil. post
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Land levelled around Karmeit Zzur
Settler Violence	1	—	1	An elderly civilian run over, Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	4	3	7	Incl. Police Directorate raided, El Bireh
Palestinian Attacks	—	6	6	6 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 illegal vehicle handed over, Qalqiliya
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Incl. a sit-in demonstration in 'Azzun
TOTAL	198	48	246	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army 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: <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 barbed wire and deny civilian access. The Israeli army completely closed with cement blocks the main road leading to Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint towards the town of Beit Hanina and the settlement of Neve Ya'akov. The Israeli army only allows access to vehicles belonging to civilian residents of Dahiyat al Bareed who possess permits or hold Jerusalem IDs. To access Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint, civilians must first travel through the centre of Dahiyat al Bareed, passing through Rosary Sisters' School. In addition, the Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. The Israeli army closed with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoint: According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a "border crossing point", the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: 2 at the entrances to the towns of Beit Hanina and Ar Ram and 1 on the junction to the village of Jaba’, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians and served them summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Al ‘Eizariya and searched 1 house.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Curfew/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 04:15 on 03 July 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the village of Kafr ‘Ein, continued to impose curfew, and opened indiscriminate fire. At 10:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 10:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Deir Ghassana and patrolled the area until 11:20. (iii) At 23:25, the Israeli army, including dozens of jeeps and bulldozers, raided the city of El Bireh and raided as well as surrounded the District of Ramallah’s Palestinian Police Directorate, after having occupied adjacent buildings, including 1 school. The Israeli army also opened fire, fired sound grenades, arrested 3 Palestinian Police officers, seized 1 Police vehicle, and used it to patrol the area. In addition, an Israeli army jeep ran into 1 taxi, injuring the driver and damaging the taxi. The taxi driver was transported to Ramallah Public Hospital for medical treatment. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up west of the area of At Tira in the city of Ramallah arrested Farhat As’ad.

	<p>The Israeli army arrested 3 Palestinian Police officers in the District of Ramallah's Palestinian Police Directorate in the city of El Bireh:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Hamzeh Saleh Taqtouq; (iii) Ayham Fu'ad Kamanji; and (iv) Bassam Shafeeq Ktei'. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 20:00, a children's demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in denunciation of Israeli military attacks on the Gaza Strip. The children also demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 5 flying checkpoints, at the entrances to the towns of 'Arraba, Az Zababida, and Tammun as well as the villages of Fahma and 'Aqqaba, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, killing 1 Palestinian National Security officer and injuring another. The Israeli army also demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. In addition, the Israeli army took position near 1 Palestinian Police station, set up a checkpoint in front of <i>Al Muqata'a</i>, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Fida' Nimer Qandeel, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Jenin. • Land Confiscation: On 17 May 2006, the Israeli army issued Military Order # T/26/79 for the confiscation of land located in Block # 235 in Khirbet as Samra in the area of Al Buqei'a east of the town of Tubas for military purposes (the land area was not specified). The military order was distributed by mail to 26 civilian landowners, of whom several are dead.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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 road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; 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

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road and to impede civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and the town of 'Anabta. (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<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 agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. • <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 levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya (Habla tunnel) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid/Detention/Physical Assault:</u> At 01:30, Israeli Special Forces troops raided the city of Qalqiliya and beat Jalal Nassr Allah, while detaining and interrogating him about a civilian. The Israeli troops released Nassr Allah at a later time. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 15:00, civilian residents of the town of 'Azzun held a sit-in demonstration at the northern entrance to the town in protest against the Israeli army's closure of the entrance with cement blocks and dirt barricades.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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 Jenin-Nablus main road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus to the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. • <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) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. Access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem is denied. (ii) Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades. (iii) Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00. (iv) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. (v) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. • <u>Raids/House Occupation/Curfew/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 1 building, and converted it into a military post. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also searched a number of buildings, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 06:00. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasid and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil, searched 1 house, and fired sound grenades. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata, imposed curfew, and searched 1 house after detaining residents. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Furik checkpoint arrested Mohammed Nayef Hanani. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Adli 'Adnan Zablak in the city of Nablus. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Sami Sa'eed Thaher in the village of Yasid.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Deir Ghassana and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:30.</p> • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area.
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-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. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid/Confiscation of Property:</u> At 01:35, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Jericho, raided 2 charitable associations, and confiscated computers and files. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians. At 04:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Land Confiscation:</u> On 06 June 2006, the Israeli army issued Military Order # T/43/06 for the confiscation of 1.4 <i>dunums</i> (0.35 acres) of land belonging to the village of Al 'Auja for construction of a military surveillance point.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. The Israeli army considers the

	<p>civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Beit Fajjar to the village of Marah Rabah. • 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 continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • Raids/Air Patrol/Destruction/Confiscation of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:50, Israeli troops, dispatched by an Israeli army combat helicopter, raided and combed an area located near the village of Ash Shawawra. At 12:30, the Israeli troops withdrew from the area. (ii) At 22:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 02:10. (iii) At 23:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. (iv) At 23:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the town again, raided 1 kindergarten and the offices of the <i>Zakat</i> Committee after destroying their doors, and confiscated computers and files. At 02:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hasan Nawawreh in the city of Bethlehem.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • Closure of Main Roads: 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

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa’, and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit ‘Awwa, from Beit ‘Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin. • Flying Checkpoints: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the overpass to the town of Halhul and the other at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints in the area of Ras al Jora and on ‘Ein Sara Street, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Turrama and Kureisa and searched 2 houses. The Israeli army also beat Abdullah ar Rjoub in the village of Turrama. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed ‘Aref Abu Hadeed in the city of Hebron. • Land Levelling/Settlement Activity: At 15:00, the Israeli army began levelling civilian land in the area surrounding the settlement of Karmeit Tzur for the construction a security wall around the settlement. • Settler Violence: At 09:30, an Israeli settler truck ran over 65-year-old Hameed Abdul Fattah Abu Mariya on the main road between the town of Beit Ummar and Al ‘Arrub refugee camp, leaving him with injuries and bone fractures. Abu Mariya was transported to an Israeli hospital for medical treatment.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals’ firing of mortars towards the Green Line. • Beginning on 25 June 2006, and following the capture of an Israeli soldier during the Palestinian attack on the Israeli army military post near Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing, the Israeli army has: reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the Gaza Strip; carried out a limited incursion into the eastern Rafah district; imposed a sea blockade that has prevented Palestinian fishing boats from sailing; and closed the Crossings into the Gaza Strip (At present, 2 Crossings are partially open). On the morning
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	<p>of 03 July 2006, the Israeli army expanded the scope of its incursion by occupying an area located north and east of the town of Beit Hanun in the district of Northern Gaza.</p>
<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements. • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals as well as critically-ill civilians. • Air Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:25, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun, killing 1 civilian. (ii) At 00:05, an Israeli army UAV fired 1 missile towards a number of armed Palestinian individuals on Al Masriyin Street in the town of Beit Hanun, killing 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • Killings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army killed Abdul Rahman Jaber ash Shanbari east of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) The Israeli army killed Isam'il Rateb al Masri, a Palestinian National Security officer, on Al Masriyin Street in the town of Beit Hanun. • Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 20:55, the Israeli army fired 15 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area of Abu Safiya; near 1 Palestinian National Security location; and near An Nada residential towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Raid/House Occupations/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property/Air Patrol: Beginning at 07:00 on 03 July 2006, the Israeli army has continued to reinforce its presence inside Palestinian territory at a depth of 700 metres north and east of the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army opened intensive fire, occupied 4 houses, and converted them into military posts. In addition, the Israeli army levelled land and erected dirt barricades to fortify its military posts. The Israeli army also destroyed 1 Palestinian National Security location, which had been evacuated at an earlier time, whilst Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. While approaching a Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Hanun, an armed confrontation took place between Israeli Special Forces troops and Palestinian National Security officers, during which the Israeli troops injured 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 12:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 24:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 00:25, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (v) At 02:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open. At 11:20, the Crossing was opened for the transportation of cement. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. • Air Attack/Destruction of Property: At 01:10, an Israeli army combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards and damaged the conference hall at the Islamic University in Gaza city. • Attacks: At 21:05, Israeli navy boats fired 1 shell towards Gaza Port, but it landed in the sea. Israeli navy boats also fired flares over the Port. • Air Patrol: At 22:00, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Gaza city. • Palestinian Attack: At 04:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 19:00, Israeli army combat helicopters opened sporadic machinegun fire towards agricultural land around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport as well as towards Rafah Crossing. • Raid: Beginning at 02:35 on 28 June 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned on Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah as well as in Yasser 'Arafat International Airport. At 09:45, the Israeli army reinforced its presence with additional forces. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Arrest: At 22:30 on 02 July 2006, Israeli army troops positioned at Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah arrested Mohammed Hasan Abu Ghali, a member of an armed Palestinian group that engaged in confrontations with Israeli army troops at the Airport as was reported yesterday. The other members of the group were killed by the Israeli army.

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<p style="text-align: center;">WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: A total of 3,474 work permits for crossing the Green Line have been delivered by the Israeli authorities to the Palestinian Chambers of Commerce, which delivered them to the Palestinian employment offices with which the Israeli authorities have suspended contacts. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • Gaza Strip: Workers were not allowed to enter into areas inside the Green Line because the Israeli army has closed Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing.
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