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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 16 July 2007 – 08:00 17 July 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	_	2	Incl. a 77-year-old civilian in Salfit
Attacks	3	_	3	All during raids into Pal. residential areas
Raids	9	_	9	Incl. 3 in Nablus & 3 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	2	_	2	1 civilian in Jenin & 1 in Bethlehem
Detentions	18	_	18	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Closure of Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Jenin and 3 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. 3 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 5 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Only humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Construction of Mil. Post	1	_	1	2 caravans & transmitters installed, Jenin
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	1 mosque surrounded in Jerusalem
Settler Violence	4	_	4	Incl. 2 civilians beaten & trees cut down
Palestinian Attacks	_	4	4	7 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	140	11	151	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. 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:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) 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:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction 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 Ash 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.
- Raid/Attack on Religious Site: The Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram north of the city of Jerusalem, surrounded 1 mosque, and served summons to a number of worshippers to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

JERUSALEM

Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil and with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting RAMALLAH 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. & **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the EL BIREH checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading (i) to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. At 07:00, the Israeli army closed the Jenin-Nablus road near the town (ii) of Silat ad Dhahr and denied civilian access in both directions, allegedly because a number of Israeli settlers were travelling to the debris of the evacuated settlement of Homesh. 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area (i) between the villages of Al Jarba and Sanur and searched civilians and **JENIN** vehicles. At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (ii) the village of Ash Shuhada' and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the (iii) village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Attack: At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Rummana. While surrounding and searching a house, the Israeli army fired sound grenades. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Tareq Subhi Subeihat in the village of Construction of Military Post: At 12:00, the Israeli army constructed a military post, installed 2 caravans, and erected transmitters on a hill opposite the debris of the evacuated settlement of Homesh. **Settler Violence:** At 20:40, a group of Israeli settlers accessed the debris of the evacuated settlement of Homesh in an attempt to resettle in the area. Israeli settlers brought a number of caravans as well as electricity generators to the evacuated settlement.

TULKAREM	 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 Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city) and to deny access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age. At 08:30, the Israeli army closed at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid with cement blocks, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flving Checkpoints: At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir al Ghusun and the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 07:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus 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 the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks.
- (iv) At 20:40, the Israeli army closed the western entrance to the village of Burqa, ostensibly because a number of Israeli settlers were travelling the debris of the evacuated settlement of Homesh.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (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. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
- (v) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions Huwwara checkpoint and denied access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age.
- (vi) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

• Flying Checkpoints/Attack:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near As Sayrafi Park east of the city of Nablus and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Burqa, searched civilians and vehicles, and fired flares.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

• Raids/Attack/Injury:

- (i) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened fire and injured 1 civilian.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir al Hatab and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

NABLUS

	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western
	entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of
	the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western
	entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western
	entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
ļ	• <u>Checkpoints</u> :
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut
SALFIT	checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara
	junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
	• 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 Ari'el.
	• Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at
	the entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Settler Violence/Injury: At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the
	settlement of Yakir beat and injured 77-year-old Ahmed Isam'il Kokash, a
	civilian resident of the town of Deir Istiya, while he was working on his
	land near the settlement. Kokash was transported to hospital for treatment.
	• <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
JERICHO	deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
	• <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.
	• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to
	Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of
	Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60.
	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the
BETHLEHEM	town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of
	Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat.
	Raids:
	(i) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem
	and the town of Al Khadr.
	(ii) At 21:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.
	• Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ihsan al Wureidan, while he
	was working in the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. 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 travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the 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 neighbourhood 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 travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- <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 Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Otni'el cut down fruit-bearing trees on land belonging to the village of Rabud.
- (ii) At 21:40, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba' in the old city of Hebron beat As'ad Salah al Ja'bari.

HEBRON

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. Palestinian Attacks: At 17:55, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. In the morning on 17 July 2007, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• Palestinian Attack: In the evening on 16 July 2007, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	 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. Palestinian Attack: At 23:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.