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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 July 2007 – 08:00 18 July 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	A female civilian at Rafah Crossing
Injuries	2	—	2	Incl. a press photographer in Ramallah
Attacks	2	1	3	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 from a military post
Raids	24	—	24	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 6 in Ramallah
Arrests (per person)	16	—	16	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 9 in Ramallah
Detentions	19	—	19	At checkpoints and in residential locales
House Demolition	1	—	1	1 house in the old city of Jerusalem
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. permits required at 2 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem and 4 in Jenin
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	A military post constructed, Salfit
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. a gas station damaged & trees burnt
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	Incl. fire opened towards Israeli troops
Pal. Security Measures	3	—	3	An explosive device & 2 vehicles handed
TOTAL	181	12	193	

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. 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 Bared 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 Bared to the town of Ar Ram in order 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. • 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. • 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bared, 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. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and searched a number of houses, after a Molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli army jeep. The Israeli army also set up a number of checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 16 jeeps, raided Qalandiya refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Samir Amis north of the city of Jerusalem and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the town of Abu Dis. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Suhayb Jaber Hammad in Qalandiya refugee camp. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mu'ath Rajab Imteir in the area of Samir Amis north of the city of Jerusalem. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished a house belonging to Nader as Sawwaf in An Nassara neighbourhood in the old city of Jerusalem, claiming that it was built without the required construction licence.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</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 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 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. • <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 impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack/Injury:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided Al Jalazun refugee camp. While searching a number of houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured a press photographer. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians. (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and searched 2 houses. (iii) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Liqya and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Bir Zeit and arrested 1 civilian. (v) At 03:50, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and arrested 1 civilian. (vi) At 03:55, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya and arrested 2 civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in Al Jalazun refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Yousef Hroub; (ii) Abdul Haleem Mohammed Ghannam; (iii) Ali Hakeem Nakhleh; and (iv) Ala' Qassem Nakhleh. (v) The Israeli army arrested 'Atef Ala' Hasan in the town of Beit Liqya. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Ziyad Hamad Abdul Rahman in the town of Bir Zeit. (vii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Darwish in the city of El Bireh. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beituniya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (viii) Mahmoud Hasan Darras; and (ix) Jubran Waheed Jubran.
JENIN	<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 road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road near the town of Silat ad Dhahr and deny civilian access in both directions, allegedly because a number of Israeli settlers were present on 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Far'a and Al Badhan and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ajja and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jalama and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and took position on the debris of the evacuated military post of Dotan. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and took position on the debris of the evacuated settlement of Sanur. At 23:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. • Settler Violence: Beginning at 20:40 on 16 July 2007, a group of Israeli settlers has remained present on the debris of the evacuated settlement of Homesh in an attempt to resettle in the area. Israeli settlers also cut down trees in the surrounding area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 21:30, Palestinian security forces handed over a 12-kilogramme-explosive device, seized in the town of Tubas, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. (ii) 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 prevent civilians between 16 and 35 years of age from leaving the city. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid and impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Attara and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nur Shams refugee camp. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of 'Anabta and Bal'a and patrolled the area until 12:00. (iii) At 19:10, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a.
QALQILIYA	<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 as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun 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 villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Jinsafut and Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Habla.
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 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) Beginning at 20:40 on 16 July 2007, the Israeli army has continued to close the western entrance to the village of Burqa. • <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. 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 closed Beit Iba checkpoint and prevented civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. At 16:30, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint. (vi) At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and denied access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attack/Injury/House Occupation:</u> At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and the refugee camps of Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma'. While searching a number of houses, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. In the city, the Israeli army also occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and arrested 1 civilian. At 07:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Baha' Anwar Maslamani in the city of Nablus. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers damaged a gas station in the vicinity of the village of Burqa, broke the windshields of 3 civilian vehicles, and set fire to olive trees near the gas station.
SALFIT	<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). (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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and denied access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age. • <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 Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • <u>Construction of Military Post:</u> At the entrance to the village of Marda, the Israeli army constructed a military post, erected a tent, and placed cement blocks.
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. • <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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 22:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles.

<p>BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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 town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of Ash Shawawra and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Ash Shawawra: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tayseer Talab Hamdan; (ii) Fayeq Mohammed Hamdan.
<p>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. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 06:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Zeid Shakir Juneid in the city of Hebron. • Palestinian Security Measure: Palestinian security forces handed over 2 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Hebron, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. • Palestinian Attack: At 10:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. • Palestinian Attack: In the evening on 17 July 2007, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 17:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned near Kessufim gate on the Green Line. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death: On 17 July 2007, Sana' Ahmed Shanan, a 27-year-old female civilian and mother of 2 children, died on the Egyptian side of Rafah Crossing, after her health condition deteriorated due to extended waiting for 35 days at the Crossing to enter the Gaza Strip. Shanan was on her way back from Egypt, where she received medical treatment of cancer.
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<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunger Strike: On 17 July 2007, political detainees held in the Kfar 'Etzion Detention and Interrogation Centre declared an open-ended hunger strike in protest against harsh detention conditions. The Israeli Administration of the Detention and Interrogation Centre forces detainees to stand for extended periods of time and prevents families from bringing clothes to their relative detainees. In addition, detainees lack adequate food supplies.
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