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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 19 July 2007 – 08:00 20 July 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	4	3	7	Incl. 2 in raids and 3 from military posts
Raids	24	_	24	Incl. 5 in Nablus & 7 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	20	_	20	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 10 in Hebron
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints and in residential locales
House Demolitions	2	_	2	2 houses in Nablus and Bethlehem
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A house damaged in the city of Nablus
Confiscation of Property	3	_	3	3 pistols and live ammunition, Hebron
House Occupations	6	_	6	Converted into military posts in Nablus
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the village of Zawata in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 6 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. 3 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	38	_	38	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Only humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Waste water discharged on civilian land
Palestinian Attacks	_	10	10	Incl. 11 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	172	20	192	

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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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:

- (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: At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided Qalandiya refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Isma'il Shihadeh in Qalandiya refugee camp.

JERUSALEM

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. Checkpoint: 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. 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. Raids: At 03:10 on 19 July 2007, the Israeli army raided the Industrial Zone in the city of El Bireh, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 04:25. At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. The Israeli army raided the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Mohammed Shureiteh in the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya.
JENIN	 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. 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. Flving Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of 'Arraba and the other in the area between the villages of Al Far'a and Al Badhan, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Mansura and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:00. At 23:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and the other at the entrance to the village of 'Aqqaba, and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

	 (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 02:00. Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Galboa' discharged waste water on civilian land in the village of Jalbun, thereby causing spread of insects and epidemic diseases.
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). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 23:20, 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 until 24:00. Raid: At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida and patrolled the area until 02:15.
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 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Attack: At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Habla and fired sound grenades, while patrolling the area.

• 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.
- <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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Curfew/House Occupations/Attacks/Destruction of Property:

- (i) Beginning at 05:30 on 19 July 2007, the Israeli army remained positioned in the village of Zawata, imposed curfew, occupied the roofs of a number of houses, and converted them into military posts. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian, demolished 1 house, and withdrew at 18:30.
- (ii) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Al Badhan and Talluza.
- (iii) At 02:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp, occupied a number of buildings and houses, converted them into military posts, and arrested 6 civilians. While searching houses, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. Furthermore, the Israeli army detonated an explosive device inside a house, damaging its furniture. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

NABLUS

Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Fares Mahmoud an Natour in the village of The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the city of Nablus and in 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp: Muneeb Nour; (ii) Mahir Abu Muneer: (iii) Mohammed Sharaf; (iv) Mohammed Abu Jamous: (y) Mahir Fahed Abu Muneer; and (vi) (vii) Muneeb Fahed Abu Muneer. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished a house belonging to Mahmoud Mohammed an Natour in the village of Zawata. **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 *Intifada* (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western (ii) entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut (i) checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. SALFIT At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Za'tara (ii) junction checkpoint and denied access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age. 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. Raid: At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 15 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Istiya and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ra'fat Hussein Mustafa in the town of Deir Istiya. **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: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and **JERICHO** 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles.

<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 town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of **BETHLEHEM** Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. **Raids:** (i) At 07:45 on 19 July 2007, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Asakira and demolished a house under construction, claiming that it was being built without the required construction licence. At 15:15, and again at 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the (ii) city of Bethlehem. House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished a house under construction belonging to Mohammed Hussein al Kamel in the village of Al 'Asakira. **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. **HEBRON Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following (i) 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. In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to (ii) 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 10:40, and again at 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Confiscation of Property:

- (i) At dawn on 19 July 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 6 civilians.
- (iii) At 10:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iv) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (v) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Qalqas, searched 1 house, and confiscated 2 pistols.
- (vi) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 3 civilians.
- (vii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa, searched 1 house, and confiscated a pistol and live ammunition.

• Arrests:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Misyed Mahmoud az Zuhour in the town of Beit Kahil.

The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the town of Dura:

- (ii) Mahmoud Abdul Jaleel ash Shahateet;
- (iii) Amjad Abdul Jaleel ash Shahateet:
- (iv) Mohammed Abdul Jaleel ash Shahateet;
- (v) Anwar 'Ayed ash Shahateet;
- (vi) Ala' Mohammed ash Shahateet; and
- (vii) Kayed Muhareb ash Shahateet.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Yatta:

- (viii) Yousef Ibrahim Abu 'Iram;
- (ix) Bakr Sabri al Ghafi; and
- (x) Mohammed Jamil Abu Rajab.

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 12:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 12:20, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 20:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 22:00, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 23:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At dawn on 20 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. Palestinian Attack: At 16:40, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attacks: In the evening on 19 July 2007, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory. At 23:00, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army jeep on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 11:45, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line east of the town of Khuza'a. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory.