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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 19 July 2009 – 08:00 20 July 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4		4	Incl. family members beaten in Hebron
Injuries	_	3	3	Incl. 2 armed Palestinian individuals
Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. tank shells fired on Gaza district
Raids	18	_	18	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 7 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	6	1	7	Incl. an injured civilian in Northern Gaza
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 2 in Jenin
House Demolitions	*	_	_	Notices to demolish houses, Bethlehem
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	*	_	_	A notice sent to demolish a sheep pen
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	47	_	47	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	2 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	2		2	Incl. a civilian severely beaten, Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Commander's motorcade halted
Palestinian Attack		1	1	Anti-tank mortar fired on Israeli troops
TOTAL	142	13	155	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
- (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- <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 the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

JERUSALEM

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. Raid: At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Abu Falah and patrolled the area until 03:00. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
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. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Birqin and the village of Ash Shuhada' and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:15. At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Bir al Basha along the Jenin-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Fahma and patrolled the area until 16:40. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flving Checkpoints: At 09:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles. At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem. Raids/Detentions: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, detained 4 civilians, and released them at a later time. At 11:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Izbat al Jarad. At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil and arrested 1 civilian, allegedly because he was in possession of a gas barrel while he was present on agricultural land near the Wall.

	 (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Na'im Ibrahim Mak'houl in the town of 'Attil. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 20:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Hajja. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and searched 4 houses, including a house belonging to 'Abboud Barham, a member on the Palestinian Legislative Council. The Israeli army also served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. 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 detector. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; and the main road and eastern entrance to entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Till and Madama; the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. At Huwwara checkpoint, access to civilians is allowed between 05:00 and 24:00 and to civilian vehicles around the clock.

	 (iii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Aqraba and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Yasid and Beit Imrin and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assault: At 21:15, Malek Suleiman Dababseh, a resident of the village of Talluza, was admitted to the governmental hospital in the city of Nablus after Israeli troops severely beat him while he was working inside the Green Line. Settler Violence/Physical Assault: At 15:00, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Marwan Khaled Amin Taba'oneh near Huwwara checkpoint, leaving him with contusions. As a result, Taba'oneh was
	transported to hospital for medical treatment.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Flying checkpoint: At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	 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 at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.

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	 Raids: At 18:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Fasayil. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in the city of Jericho and arrested 3 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in the city of Jericho: 'Uday Khaled Abdul 'Aziz; Ahmed 'Imad al 'Alem; and Muntasser Yihya Mohammed al Akhras.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: In addition to detour roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Wadi Rahhal-the settlement of Efrat; and a detour road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. Checkpoint: At 09:45, the Israeli army intensified it restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 13:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the 'Ush Ghurab area east of the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians. Raid/House Demolitions/Destruction of Property: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kisan and distributed notices for the demolition of 3 houses as well as a sheep pen, ostensibly because they were built without the required construction licences. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi
	Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
HEBRON	• 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) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

• Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Hawawir north of the town of Halhul and searched civilians.
- (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nabi Yunis (the eastern entrance to the town of Halhul) and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained a motorcade of the Commander of the Palestinian National Security Forces in the West Bank, claiming to be examining licences of his subordinates' weapons.
- Attack: At 22:10, Israeli troops positioned at the junction to the town of As Samoa' opened fire towards a civilian vehicle while it was crossing the junction. The vehicle fled.

• Raids/Physical Assaults:

- (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. at 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched a house belonging to Yaqeen 'Ashour Abu Sneineh, and beat his family members.
- (ii) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Idhna.
- (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Taffuh and searched 1 house.
- (iv) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Nuba and patrolled the area until 00:45.

- (v) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 1 civilian.
- (vi) At 03:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 1 civilian.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Zaki Bahar in the town of Beit Ummar.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Mousa Ihmeidan in the town of Surif.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 22:00, and in attempt to damage civilian property, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bat 'Ayin gained access into agricultural land near civilian houses in the village of Khirbet Safa. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.
- Violations of the Ceasefire:
- (i) The Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the districts of Northern Gaza and Gaza, resulting in the injury of 1 civilian and 2 armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also arrested the injured civilian.
- (ii) Armed Palestinian groups fired 1 anti-tank mortar towards Israeli troops near the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA

- Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
- Attack: In the evening of 19 July 2009, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun towards and injured a civilian while he was attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. The Israeli army also arrested the civilian.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian while he was attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line.

GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack/Injuries: In the evening of 19 July 2009, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 anti-tank mortar towards Israeli troops near the Green Line in the area surrounding Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells towards Palestinian territory east of Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood east of Gaza city, injuring 1 armed Palestinian individuals. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. 	

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POLITICAL PRISONERS extended the trial) for 3 medical period of the trial period of trial period of the trial period of trial	f Administrative Detention: An Israeli military court order on administrative detention (arrest without charge or onths against Raja' Nathmi al Ghoul, a female resident of ee camp. Raja's family appealed to human rights to exercise pressure on the Israeli authorities to release in the HaSharon Prison, Raja's health condition is and is in need of a surgical operation on the heart.
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