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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 21 July 2011 – 08:00 22 July 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Incl. a pregnant women miscarried
Attacks	2	_	2	During confrontations with civilians
Raids	23	_	23	Incl. 3 in Nablus and 4 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per Person)	8	_	8	Incl. a child
Detentions	13		13	Incl. a press team of Palestine TV station
Land Levelling	1	_	1	Farmland in Beit Iksa village, Jerusalem
Wall Construction	15	_	15	Incl. Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Hebron
Destruction of Property	4	_	4	Incl. olive trees uprooted and burnt
Confiscation of Property	2	_	2	50 olive trees and a taxi
Home Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Jerusalem
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. 5 in Nablus and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem & 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	46	_	46	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settler Violence	4	_	4	Incl. 50 dunums of land seized
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A Civil Defence fire engine detained
TOTAL	161	4	165	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

• 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.

• <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.

- Raid/Home Occupation/Attack: At 14:50, the Israeli army raided Qatanna village, occupied the roof of a civilian home, converted it into a military post, and fired tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. At 15:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Land Levelling/Attack/Physical Assault</u>: At 09:30, the Israeli army began levelling land for construction of a railroad in Beit Iksa village. Meanwhile, the Israeli army fired sound and tear gas grenades, leaving a number of civilians with injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. Because they attempted to prevent land levelling, the Israeli army arrested three civilians. Of these, a civilian was severely beaten by Israeli troops. Furthermore, the Israeli army detained a press team of the Palestine TV station and prevented them from covering the event. Having uprooted them, the Israeli army seized approximately 50 olive trees.

• Arrests:

(i) On 21 July 2011, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Mohammed Turman.

The Israeli army arrested three civilians in Beit Iksa village:

- (ii) Mohammed Saleem Hababeh;
- (iii) Fat'hi Abdul Karim Hababeh; and
- (iv) Mohammed Hasan Hababeh.

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	 Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 15:00, Israeli troops detained near Biddu town a Palestinian Civil Defence fire engine while it was travelling to Beit Iksa village to extinguish fire on civilian farmland. Israeli troops allowed the fire engine to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). Settler Violence: At 15:00, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to olive groves in Beit Iksa village, damaging a number of olive trees. Palestinian Civil Defence team put off the fire. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas north and south of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault/Confiscation of Property: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Shilo settlement on the Ramallah-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops stopped Adib Abdullah Zeidan, a resident of Qabalan town, while he was transporting his pregnant wife and ill son on his taxi to hospital. Israeli troops also beat Zeidan and seized his taxi. As a result, Zeidan's wife miscarried and was admitted to hospital for medical treatment. At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to 'Atara town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ajjul village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Mughayyir village. At 11:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Arura town. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	• <u>Closure of Main Road</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement.

	 Raids: At 08:20, the Israeli army raided Az Zababida town, searched a home, and served summonses on three civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency: Thaer Hussein Wali Sharqawi; Hani Hasan Qasem Ka'biyyeh; and Rashad 'Amer Shakir Soudah. At 11:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jaba' town. 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	 Checkpoint: 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 city of Tubas. Raids: At 06:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tubas city as well as Tayasir and Khirbet Ibziq villages.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: At 11:45, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flving Checkpoint: At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qaffin town and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 09:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarem city. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Wall Construction: Land levelling for adjustment of the Wall route continues in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route will be constructed west of the village.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. In addition to closing the iron gate installed since the outbreak the second <i>Intifada</i>, the Israeli army has continued to close since 03:10 on 01 July 2011 the eastern entrance to Kafr Qaddum village with dirt barricades. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army and patrolled the villages of Wadi ar Rasha, Ras Tira, and Magharat ad Dab'a.
- (ii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled An Nabi Elyas village.
- Arrest: At 01:10 on 21 July 2011, the Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Iyad Mu'in Abdul Karim 'Ata during its raid into Qalqiliya city, in addition to those reported yesterday.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north
 of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel
 settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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 vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Salem village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qabalan town and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- (iii) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints on the junctions to Qusin and Burin villages and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: Israeli troops severely Saher Saleem 'Allan, a resident of 'Einabus village, at his workplace in Israel. At 14:00, 'Allan was admitted to the Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.

• Raids/Detention:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Nablus city and arrested two civilians (brothers).
- (ii) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided Deir Sharaf village and arrested a civilian.
- (iii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided Jamma'in town, detained Husam Mohammed Joudeh, and released him after interrogation.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Nablus city:
- (i) Husam Walid Shaqqu; and
- (ii) Khaled Walid Shaqqu.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Bakr Mohammed 'Urabi Hajjeh in Deir Sharaf village.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 20:45, a group of Israeli settlers from Alon Moreh settlement set fire to a forest in Wadi al Badhan area east of Nablus city, causing damage to forest trees on dozens of *dunums* of land. Palestinian Civil Defence teams extinguished the fire.
- (ii) At 20:45, a group of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement set fire to olive groves in Burin village, damaging a number of olive trees. Palestinian Civil Defence teams extinguished the fire.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.
- (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kifl Haris village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.

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JERICHO	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city. At 19:50, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:25. At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Fasayil village and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the southeastern area of the village. (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmed road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. Flving Checkpoints: At 20:10, and again at 02:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Ubeidiya town and patrolled it until 11:55. (ii) At 15:50, the Israeli army raided Artas village and patrolled the area until 22:00. (iv) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided Um Rukba area in Al Khadr town, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 01:00. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.
- (ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (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 all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades a detour road leading to the entrance to As Simiya village.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 07:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 14:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Adh Dhahiriya town.
- (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided Taffuh town and searched three civilian homes.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Janba village south of Yatta town and searched a number of civilian homes and caves.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 11:30, and having levelled and erected a fence around it, an Israeli settler from Eshkolot settlement seized control of approximately 50 *dunums* of land in Ar Ramadin village. The land belonged to Shihdeh Isma'il Zamel and his brothers.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.

Hebron

NORTHERN GAZA	• Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through <i>Al Karama</i> (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	Incidents not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Incidents not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open for civilians departing the Gaza Strip and to others arriving from Egypt. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for the transportation of food supplies, goods, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to importing 20 vehicles by the private sector, construction cargo designated to internationally-funded projects was transported to the Gaza Strip through the Crossing.