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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 23 July 2009 – 08:00 24 July 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Civilians beaten at checkpoint, Jericho
Attacks	1	5	6	4 in raids and 2 by navy boats
Raids	20	2	22	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 8 in Hebron
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Rafah
Arrests (per person)	11	—	11	Incl. a civilian and his son in Nablus
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. a female civilian in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 2 in Qalqiliya
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Rafah
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	Crops in the district of Rafah
Confiscation of Property	3	—	3	Hunting rifle, pistol, and ammunition
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	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. civilian houses stoned in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A Police unit detained in Jerusalem
TOTAL	152	13	165	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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). 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 to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. 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. 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. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On 23 July 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Biddu and arrested 1 civilian. At 17:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Iksa and detained a Palestinian Police engineering unit while it was travelling to the village to examine suspicious objects. The Israeli authorities refused to coordinate Police officers to access the village. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army released detained officers. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the village of Biddu.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the village of 'Ein Yabrud and Dura al Qar' and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of At Tayba (on the road connecting the districts of Ramallah and Jericho) and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Silwad and Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of 'Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Deir Ghassana and Beit Rima. (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha Bani Harith and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Silwad. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 'Amer Mustafa Omar Nasser in the village of Kharbatha Bani Harith. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Checkpoint: At 06:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba on the Jenin-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Fahma. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 town of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<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 western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 00:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrest: At 18:30, the Israeli army arrested Raed Ahmed Jamil Taha, a resident of the town of 'Illar, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency at the DCO offices west of the city of Tulkarem. • Detention: At 11:50, Israeli troops positioned at 'Einav checkpoint detained Ahmed Mohammed Zabadi, a resident of the town of Beit Lid. Having served him a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, Israeli troops released Zabadi. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Habla. • Arrest: At 23:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of 'Azzun 'Atma arrested Dhiya' Mahmoud Isma'il Younes. • Wall Gates: <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 detector.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Qabalan and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Confiscation of Property/Detention: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30 on 22 July 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara, searched 1 house, and confiscated a hunting rifle, a pistol, and ammunition. The Israeli army also arrested the house owner and his son. Additionally, the Israeli army detained the housewife and released her at a later time. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided 'Askar refugee camp in the city of Nablus and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Jamal Mohammed Saleem 'Odeh and his son in the town of Huwwara. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Abdul Nasser Mahmoud Abu Kishek in 'Askar refugee camp in the city of Nablus. • Settler Violence/Attack/Injury: At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the village of 'Asira al Qibliya as well as surrounded and stoned 2 civilian houses. The Israeli army raided the village, opened fire, and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians, who confronted settlers. Consequently, 'Adeeleh Abdul Rahman Salah, a female civilian, sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.

<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (i) 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 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:40. • Raid: On 23 July 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Sarta and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Qamar Abdullah Ahmed al Khatib in the village of Sarta. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: (i) 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. (ii) 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. • Flying Checkpoint/Physical Assaults: At 01:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also beat and verbally abused a number of civilians.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <i>dunums</i> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 18:45, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the post. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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) 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched a food processing factory, and arrested a worker. (iii) At 12:00, and again at 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (iv) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Ash Shuyukh, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Idhna. (vi) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched 1 house. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00 on 23 July 2009, the Israeli army arrested Farid Hamdan Saleem al Akhras during its raid into the town of Tarqumiya in addition to those reported yesterday. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Musbah ‘Azmi al Hawarin in the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Yousef Mohammed Ibrahim ‘Uweidhat in the town of Ash Shuyukh. • Wall Construction: 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.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire in the districts of Northern Gaza and Rafah. Israeli navy boats also opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach in the district of Northern Gaza as well as off the Gaza city’s beach.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • Attack: In the evening of 23 July 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach. • Raid: At 01:15, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. • Attack: In the evening of 23 July 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the Gaza city's beach.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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 (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: At 15:30, the Israeli army, including 6 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of An Nahda neighbourhood east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army opened fire towards agricultural land and civilian houses and levelled farmland. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.