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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 23 July 2010 – 08:00 24 July 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Civilians on a bus beaten in Bethlehem
Injury	1	—	1	A 3-year-old child in Bethlehem
Attacks	6	1	7	1 during a raid and 6 in confrontations
Raids	7	1	8	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 1 in Rafah
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Rafah
Arrests (per person)	2	—	2	1 in Bethlehem and 1 in Hebron
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. former EU Parliament Vic-president
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In the district of Rafah
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Hebron
Attack on Property	*	—	—	Notice to transfer of civilians, Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	9	—	9	Incl. Jerusalem & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	42	—	42	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	2 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	3 caravans installed in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A security officer served a summons
Demonstrations	9	—	9	Incl. against the Wall and deportations
TOTAL	144	9	153	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 23 July 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (i) 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). (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) On 28 May 2010, the Israeli army closed with an iron gate the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Iksa leading to the city of Jerusalem and reported to civilians that they should cross Qalandiya checkpoint to access the city. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. • 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. • Demonstrations/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against the Israeli deportation policy and in solidarity with 3 Jerusalemite members of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) as well as a former Palestinian minister, who the Israeli authorities threaten to revoke their ID cards and deport them from the city.
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	<p>(ii) At 13:00, civilians performed Friday prayers at the sit-kin tent erected in Silwan neighbourhood in protest against eviction of civilian homes for construction of Israeli settlement projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(iii) 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 Kafir Malik – 'Ein Samiya.</p> <p>(iv) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the village of Al Janiya and Deir 'Ammar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Liqya and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions: <p>(i) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army wounded a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a female international peace activist. A number of participants also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. Israeli troops also detained Luisa Morgantini, former European Parliament Vice-president, and Cobi Zentes, an Israeli peace activist.</p> <p>(iii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place in the village of An Nabi Salih against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participations as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of ‘Abud; in the village of Bil’in; 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. • 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 city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far’un and searched civilians and vehicles. • 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 Checkpoint: At 18:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of ‘Azzun and the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus, raided a number of houses, and served summonses on 7 civilians and ‘Arafat Jamil Saleem, a Palestinian National Security officer, to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • Attack on Property: At 22:00, the Israeli army distributed notices for the transfer of Arab ar Ramadin and Arab Abu Farda tribes, who reside behind the Wall near the settlement of Alfei Menashe south of the city of Qalqiliya. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

	<p>(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.</p>
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul 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 Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:15. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Till and ‘Iraq Burin and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p>SALFIT</p>	<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 northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to 2 detour roads connecting the village of Marda to respective agricultural land. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za’tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: At 13:30, and again at 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: (i) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Bidhya, searched a house, and served summons to 2 civilians (a father and son) to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 02:00. (ii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya, searched 2 houses, served summonses to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 02:00. • 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 Ariel.
JERICHO	<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. • 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: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles until 24:00. • Detention: At 24:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint detained Majdi Mousa as Suweit, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, and prevented him for crossing the checkpoint by his private car to the district of Jericho, allegedly because he was not a resident thereof.
BETHLEHEM	<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. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Battir and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:40.

	<p>(ii) At 12:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Efrat in the area of Um Rukba near the town of Al Khadr and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: (i) At 11:05, the Israeli army raided a mountain in the vicinity of the village of Artas, examined the area using maps, and withdrew at 11:20. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and patrolled the area until 01:45. • Arrest: At 12:00, the Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Kathem Abed Mohammed al Wahsh in the area of Al Fureidis. • Detention: At 19:10, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a bus and beat a number of women and children, injuring 3-year-old Bassam Shafee' Sa'adeh, who was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • Demonstrations/Attacks: (i) At 10:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Artas in protest against the Israeli authorities that had prevented civilians from constructing a rural road to their agricultural land. (ii) At 13:10, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. Having obstructed the demonstration, Israeli troops denied access to participants to the Wall construction site and fired sound and tear gas grenades, wounding a female international peace activist. A number of protestors were also injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. (iii) At 13:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Wadi Rahhal in protest against Wall construction. Having obstructed the demonstration, Israeli troops fired sound and tear gas grenades, denying access to participants to land under the threat of confiscation. • 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 Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, controlling civilian access in the area.

- (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a.
 - (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.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Hawawir (the northern entrance to the town of Halhul) and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a civilian.
 - **Attack/Detentions:** At 13:30, Israeli troops positioned near Al 'Arrub refugee camp fired sound and tear gas grenades towards civilians at the entrance to the refugee camp, ostensibly for throwing stones. The Israeli army also detained 4 children and released them at a later time.
 - **Raids:**
 - (i) At 10:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and patrolled the area until 11:30.
 - (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
 - **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Fawwar junction arrested Mamdouh Ibrahim Abu Rabee'.
 - **Settler Violence/Demonstration/Detentions:** At 11:30, a group of Israeli settlers installed 3 caravans on land belonging to Shukri Sultan in the Al Buweira area near the settlement of Harsina east of the city of Hebron. Consequently, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the area. Israeli troops blocked the demonstration, detained 4 civilians, including a female civilian, as well as 2 press photographers, and released them at a later time.
 - **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

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. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property in the district of Rafah.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incidents not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow patients, students, and students holding visas to leave the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. In addition, a truck transporting medicines crossed to the Gaza Strip through the Crossing. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the evening of 23 July 2010, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of the An Nahda neighbourhood east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army opened fire intensively towards civilian houses and property and levelled land.