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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00, 27 July 2009 – 08:00, 28 July 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	A civilian in Balata refugee camp
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Severely beat a civilian in Balata camp
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya & 2 in Bethlehem
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	30	1	31	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 2 in Tubas
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 1 in Tubas & 1 in Salfit
Attacks	3	8	11	Incl. tank shells & by Navy boats
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance above Central Gaza
House Demolition	*	3	3	Incl. houses in Central Gaza
Attack on Property	*	—	—	Notices to halt house constructions
Destruction of Property	5	1	6	Incl. 5 houses in Balata refugee camp
Land Leveling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Central Gaza
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	47	—	47	Incl. 11 in Nablus & 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Partial opening of 4 crossings only
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. attempt to erect settlement outposts
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	Detonating explosives near army patrol
TOTAL	161	19	180	

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"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall, according to a set of land confiscation orders, for the construction of the Wall around the city of Jerusalem to prevent civilians from entering the city, with the exception of civilians living in the area and those holding permits. Entry is regulated through crossings and gates set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, as designated in the military order. (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 to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 in Jerusalem city 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. Raid: At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Eizariya. House Demolition: On 27 July 2009, the Israeli army served notices for the demolition of a number of houses in the neighborhoods of Shu'fat and As Salam in the city of Jerusalem, the town of Beit Hanina and the village of Al Eisawiya under the pretext of not having construction licenses. Settler Violence: On 27 July 2009, a group of settlers from the settlement of Ma'aleh Mikhmas entered land belonging to civilians from the village of Mikhmas and erected a tent and a shack in an attempt to set up a new settlement outpost. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area.
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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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, and south of Beit Hanina village.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the town of Sinjil on Ramallah – Nablus main road. Again at 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Arura town. (ii) At 04:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of ‘Abud and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to ‘Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 27 July 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of As Silat Al Harithiya and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Barta’a Ash Sharqiya, fired sound grenades, searched numerous houses after detaining their residents in open air and conducted field interrogation with them and withdrew at 05:00. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Anin, searched a house and arrested a university student. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in the town of As Silat Al Harithiya the civilian Hazem Husni Hafez Zayyoud. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Anin the civilian Ghaleb Fawwaz Muhammad Yassin. • 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.

TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the town of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 02:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Far'a and searched civilians and vehicles until 04:30. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun. (ii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp, searched 2 houses, arrested a civilian and withdrew at 05:30. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested in Al Far'a refugee camp the civilian Muhammad Hafez Salahat.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh and the road connecting the town of Kafr Kafr Al Labad to the village of Shofeh. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Kafr Al Labad and Izbat Abu Khamis. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarm, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area until 15:00. (ii) At 17:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Anabta town. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 19:00, a group of settlers from the settlement of Efni Haifetz entered land belonging to civilians from the village of Kafr Al Labad. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area at 20:00. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Laqif, detained a number of civilians and released them after conducting field interrogation with them and withdrew at 22:45. (ii) At 06:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun, searched 3 houses and arrested 2 civilians (brothers). • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested in Azzun town civilians Muhammad Rasheed Mahmoud Radwan and Thaer Rasheed Mahmoud Radwan. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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 Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing the following checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00. (ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00, whereas on Friday, the checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 15:00. All vehicles are allowed to enter the city of Nablus through Awarta, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances are allowed to depart the city through this checkpoint. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Sebastia to protect a group of settlers visiting archeological areas in the village and opened fire indiscriminately towards civilians. (ii) At 12:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya. (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp in the city, searched a shopping mall in the city, searched a number of houses and commercial shops, caused damages to 5 houses as a result of throwing explosive devices injuring the civilian Ibrahim Abu Klaim, severely beat a civilian and withdrew at 05:05.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances 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 at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Hares and served notices for halting the construction of 9 houses and removing a shack under the pretext of not having construction licenses and because they are located in area C that fall under Israeli control. The Israeli army withdrew at 11:00. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Hares and served notices for halting the construction of 7 houses under the pretext of not having construction licenses and because they are located in area C that fall under Israeli control. The Israeli army withdrew at 13:00. (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ballut until 07:20. (iv) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Rafat until 19:10. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-‘Auja with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-‘Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As-Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideways east of Beit Fajjar town. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 10:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint. Again at 20:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah and set up a flying checkpoint. (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested in the village of Al Walaja 2 unknown civilians. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> On 27 July 2009, a group of settlers entered land belonging to civilians from the town of Al Khadr that is located near the settlement of Ifrat in an attempt to erect a new settlement outpost. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
HEBRON	<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: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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 implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 closing the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to

	<p>prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.</p> <p>(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 bypass Road # 60.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to open the Iron Gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Fawwar refugee camp. (ii) At 10:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town. (iii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Idhna town. (iv) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided Nuba town. Again at 01:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area. (v) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul. Again at 03:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area. (vi) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and searched a number of houses. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village 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 Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. • The Israeli army breached the ceasefire by raiding Palestinian territory, demolishing 3 houses in Central Gaza, opening fire intensively and firing 3 tank shells from its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. In addition, Israeli Navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Gaza city beach. • Armed Palestinian groups violated the ceasefire by detonating an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<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: At 19:00, the Israeli army opened fire intensively and fired 2 tank shells from its locations on the Green Line towards civilian agricultural land and houses east of the area of Abu Safiya located east of Beit Hanun town. • Palestinian Attack: At 05:40, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol, near the Green Line, east of the area of Abu Safiya that is located east of Beit Hanun town. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively and fired a tank shell towards Palestinian territory.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is open for the transport of wheat and fodder. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for fuel transport. • Attack: In the evening on 27 July 2009, Israeli Navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Gaza city beach.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: In the morning on 27 July 2009, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and a number of armored vehicles and bulldozers, covered by reconnaissance aircrafts, raided 200 deep east of Al Burajj refugee camp, opened fire intensively towards civilian agricultural land and houses, leveled areas of agricultural land and demolished 3 houses. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 3 houses east of Al Burajj refugee camp belonging to the family of Abu Mandeel.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: In the morning on 27 July 2009, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line towards civilian agricultural land and houses east of the area of Al Farahin located east of Khan Yunis city.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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 open for the transport of food and humanitarian assistance.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abuse of Political Prisoners:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Political prisoners at Negev desert prison appealed to humanitarian and law institutions to intervene and exercise pressure on the Israeli authorities to allow a surgical operation for the removal of shrapnel from the leg of political prisoner Mu'ayyad Basheer Jaradat from the town of Al Yamun in the district of Jenin who is sentenced to 7½ years in prison. (ii) The Palestinian Prisoners' Club in the district of Hebron held the Israeli authorities fully responsible for the life of political prisoner Hamzeh Yousef Ibrahim At Tarayreh. Initial medical examinations conducted on him at Hadasa Hospital proved that he has mouth cancer. The Palestinian Prisoners' Club appealed to humanitarian and law institutions and the ICRC to intervene and exercise pressure on the Israeli authorities to release the prisoner as he needs an urgent surgical operation for the removal of the cancer tumor.
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