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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 28 July 2009 – 08:00, 29 July 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Arrests (per person)	12	_	12	Incl. 2 in Salfit & 1 in Jericho
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	31	1	32	Incl. 6 on Qalqiliya & 6 on Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	6	_	6	Incl. 1 in Jenin & 1 in Bethlehem
Attacks	2	3	5	4 in raids & 1 from military posts
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Reconnaissance above Northern Gaza
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Summoning police officer to Huwwara
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	Old rifle from Al Far'a refugee camp
Destruction of Property	_	1	1	Leveling plants in Northern Gaza dis.
Land Leveling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Gaza district
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. 3 in Salfit & 1 in Jericho
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossings only
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	Shutting down Al Ibrahim Mosque
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. attempt to seize a house in Jerusalem
Demonstrations	2	_	2	In solidarity with prisoners in Israeli jails
Palestinian Attacks		2	2	Incl. 1 mortar fired toward the Green Line
TOTAL	156	13	169	

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 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.

• 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.
- <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.
- Raid: At dawn on 29 July 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Aqab and fired sound grenades while searching a house.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: On 28 July 2009, a group of settlers in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighborhood in the city of Jerusalem attempted to seize a house belonging to the family of Hannoun. Consequently, the civilians and a number of international peace activists confronted the attack by the Israeli settlers and forced them to evacuate the house.

• 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira

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	 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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 Checkpoints: At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to Bir Zeit University. At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Ras Karkar and arrested a police officer. Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested on the junction leading to the village of Ras Karkar police officer Muhammad Saleh Abed Ar Rasoul Abu Fkhaidah. Settler Violence: At 08:00, a group of settlers closed the road connecting the villages of Beit Oar Al Fuqa and Beit Oar At Tahta. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened, re-opened the road and evacuated the settlers from the area. Demonstration: At 11:30, a sit in demonstration by the families of political prisoners took place in the city of El Bireh opposite the ICRC in solidarity with prisoners in Israeli jails and demanding their release. 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.
JENIN	 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Dan village. At 22:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Qad. At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin until 06:30. Arrest: At 01:30 on 28 July 2009, the Israeli army arrested during a raid on the village of Barta'a Ash Sharqiya, as mentioned in the previous report, the civilian Qusay Ahmad Abu Al Hayja. 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.

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TOUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. <u>Arrests</u>: At 02:45 on 28 July 2009, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians (brothers) after confiscating an old rifle type (Karbin) from their house during a raid on Al Far'a refugee camp, in addition to what has been mentioned in the previous report. The 2 civilians are Bassam Basheer Ahmad Daraghmeh and Muhammad Basheer Ahmad Daraghmeh.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: 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 Al Labad to the village of Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. Raids: (i) At 21:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Al Labad village. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Attil. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Illar and arrested 2 civilians (brothers). Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the town of Illar the civilians Izzat Mikkawi Tawfiq Shadid and Muhammad Mikkawi Tawfiq Shadid. Demonstration: At 11:30, a sit in demonstration by the families of political prisoners took place in the city of Tulkarm in front of the house of political prisoner Ahmad Abdulfattah Awwad who is serving 40 year prison sentence at Asqalan prison. The demonstration was in solidarity with the prisoner and in protest at the continued policy of medical negligence against him as he suffers from heart illness. The participants in the demonstration appealed to humanitarian and law institutions and the ICRC to exercise pressure on the Israeli authorities to release him. 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 the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Raids: At 19:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Azzun. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jayyus town. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the villages of Wadi Ar Rasha, Ad Dab'a Cave and Ras Atiya (all located behind the Apartheid Wall) and searched a number of houses. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalqiliya city. 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 Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
NABLUS	 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: 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. 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: At 12:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sebastia. At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabalan until 05:30. At 01:25, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nassariya, searched a house and served summon to police officer Hazem Abu Sa'dah to hand over himself to the Israeli army at Huwwara checkpoint on 04 August 2009. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp in the city until 05:00.
SALFIT	 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. Arrests: On 27 July 2009, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, including a university student, at Za'tara junction checkpoint. They are Muhammad Mousa Dhiyab Aamer and Fadi Yunis Jaber.

	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 Hares 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. 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. At 21:45, The Israeli army closed the checkpoint and prevented civilian access in both directions under the pretext of finding a suspicious object and re-opened it at 00:45. Raid: At dawn on 28 July 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Auja and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. Arrest: On 28 July 2009, the Israeli army arrested at Al Karama (Allenby) Crossing the civilian Mu'ammar Abdulmajeed Said Ali from the village of Al Jarushiya while on his way to Jordan.
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) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: 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 sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. Checkpoint: At 14:35, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 23:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 02:05, the Israeli army raided Al Aza refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem, searched houses and arrested a civilian. (iv) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided Bethlehem city and Ayda refugee

camp in the city, opened fire indiscriminately while searching a number of houses and arrested a civilian in the refugee camp. The Israeli army arrested in the town of Beit Fajjar the civilian Issa (i) Ahmad Taqatqah. The Israeli army arrested in Al Azza refugee camp in Bethlehem (ii) city the civilian Abdulrahman Hasan Mahmoud Abu Tarbush. The Israeli army arrested in Ayda refugee camp in Bethlehem city (iii) the civilian Mahmoud Awad Al A'raj. Wall Construction: 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. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) 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 Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 (iii) closing the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, **HEBRON** evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following (i) 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 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. (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.

- (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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
- (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ummar town.
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Surif town.
- (iv) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ummar town.
- (v) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet Baqqar.
- Attack on Religious Site: On 28 July 2009, the Israeli army closed Al Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron, prevented civilians from performing prayers and banned the call for prayer from the minarets of the mosque under the pretext of carrying out renovation and maintenance work.
- <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.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- 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 and opening fire intensively from armored vehicles and its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the districts of Northern Gaza and Gaza.
- Armed Palestinian groups violated the ceasefire by opening fire and firing 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
- Raid: At 10:00, the Israeli army, including a number of tanks, armored vehicles and bulldozers, covered by reconnaissance aircrafts, raided 200 deep east of Al Magbara Ash Sharqiya that is located east of Jabalya

	town, opened fire intensively towards civilian agricultural land and houses, leveled areas of agricultural land and clashed with armed Palestinian individuals. • Palestinian Attack: At 16:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.	
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for fuel transport. Palestinian Attack: At 17:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol, near the Green Line, in the periphery of Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire intensively towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YOUNIS	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 open for the transport of food and humanitarian assistance. 	