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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00, 30 July 2008 – 08:00, 31 July 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	8	—	8	Incl. 1 child who sustained serious injuries
Arrests (per person)	19	—	19	Incl. 4 children & 2 university students
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	24	—	24	Incl. 2 in Nablus & 2 in Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 1 in Nablus & 1 in Bethlehem
Attacks	5	—	5	During raids and confrontations
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Attack on a Pal. Civil Defense team
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	58	—	58	Incl. 14 in Nablus & 9 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Entering an evacuated camp in Beit Sahur
TOTAL	191	3	194	

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: 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-Bareed to al-Ram town to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions on the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Rafat and impeded civilian access. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Qatana and arrested 2 children. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the village of Qatana Yousef Adnan Al Faqih, 14-year-old, and Mahmoud Kamal Tabanja, 15-year-old. Detention: On 30 July 2008, the Israeli army detained the lawyer Khaled Zabarqah while attempting to enter Al Aqsa Mosque, took him to a detention and interrogation centre and released him at a later time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al-Bareed, Dahiyat al-Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from the village of Beit
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	<p>Surik to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of al-Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.</p>
<p>RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</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 and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. (ii) As of 18:30 on 28 June 2008, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to ‘Atara town and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Yabrud village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled a neighborhood in the city of Ramallah. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. • Demonstration: At 17:00, a demonstration set about in the town of Ni’lin against the Wall following the funeral of the child Ahmad Husam Mousa who was killed by the Israeli army. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army wounding 6 civilians, including 17-year-old Yousef Ahmad Amirah who sustained serious injuries. In addition to causing suffocation to several civilians as a result of inhaling tear-gas. A commercial shop on the edge of the town caught fire. The Israeli army also fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear-gas bombs towards a Palestinian Civil Defense team while extinguishing fire causing suffocation to 2 members of the team as a result of inhaling tear-gas and from breaking the front window of a Civil Defense vehicle. • 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.
<p>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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided Birqin town and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, opened fire and fired sound grenades while searching a house and arrested a civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Birqin the civilian Tamer Jalal Saleh Quash. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in Jenin the civilian Rami Ismail Dawahdeh. • 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"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Jarushiya village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Bal'a town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarm. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while searching a number of houses wounding 2 civilians. (iii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm, Tulkarm refugee camp and Nur Shams refugee camp and patrolled the area. • Arrest: At 03:15 on 30 July 2008, the Israeli army arrested during a raid on the city of Tulkarm the civilian Mu'men Ma'rouf Toqoz. • 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 the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Habala village. (ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city and patrolled the area until 01:30. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit, searched 3 houses and arrested a civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the village of Jit the civilian Rami Sami Walid Yamin.. • 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 metal detector.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, 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 entrance to the village of Qaryut, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads around the town of Beita leading to the town of Aqraba and the villages of Osarin and Odala. • 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 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. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and Asira Ash Shamalia town. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:00 on 30 July 2008, the Israeli army raided the village of Sebestia and arrested 3 civilians. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and pttrolled Burqa village. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in Sebestia village the civilians: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bassam Ahmad Makalfah; 2. Walid Abduljabbar Sadeq; and 3. Samer Suhail Sakha.
SALFIT	<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 Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bruqin town. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided Kifl Hares town, searched 3 houses, arrested 2 children and withdrew at 04:00. • <u>Attack:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards a civilian vehicle near the town of Deir Istia and arrested its driver. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in Kifl Hares town the civilians Jamil Sharif As'ad, 17-year-old; and Mu'ayad Raed Fayed Al Qaq, 17-year-old. (ii) The Israeli army arrested near Deir Istia village 1 unidentified civilian. • <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 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on 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. • <u>Arrest:</u> On 29 July 2008, the Israeli army arrested at Al Karamah (Allenby) Crossing the university student Muhammad Said Sha'ban from the town of Al Yamun upon his return from Jordan.
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) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh 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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction of An Nashash area (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided Al Khadr town, occupied a house and converted it into a military post, detained its residents in one room and withdrew at 22:55. (ii) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Obaidiya town. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the ruins of the previously evacuated military camp of Osh Grab east of Beit Sahur city to provide protection to a group of settlers during their entry into the camp. The Israeli army withdrew after evacuating settlers at 02:50. (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Abu Najim, searched 2 houses and arrested a university student. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army arrested the civilian Ghassan Ibrahim Zawahrah while reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Agency upon a prior summon. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Abu Najim the civilian Tarek Aziz Abed Al Harami. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:35, a sit in demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem opposite the ICRC demanding the release of political prisoner Said Al Atabah who is spending his 32nd year in Israeli jails. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; 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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al-Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and

	<p>the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-‘Arrub refugee camp.</p> <p>(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.</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 close with dirt barricades the road of Wadi Al Quaff that leads to the town of Tarqumiya.</p> <p>(v) On 29 July 2008, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the road of Wadi Ash Shajnah which connects the town of Dura to road # 60, and the road that connects the village of Abda to road # 60.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs, south of Hebron city, and on Al Fawwar junction, and impeded civilian access.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided Abda village and arrested 4 civilians while grazing their sheep.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested in Dura town the civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ghassan Musleh Al Badawi; (ii) Bassam Musleh Al Badawi; (iii) Jamil Nassar; and (iv) Ahmad Mahmoud Bustanji. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 06:00 on 19 June 2008, the Egyptian-brokered ceasefire agreement between Palestine and Israel is holding. The <i>tahdia</i> (calm) includes, <i>inter alia</i>, a complete cessation of all hostilities. The agreement has been reached with Israel through Egyptian mediators.
<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially opened (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases).
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of basic necessities. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of fuel.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
<p>KHAN YOUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
<p>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 partially opened to allow entry of food and goods. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.