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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 30 July 2009 – 08:00 31 July 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten, Bethlehem
Attacks	3	4	7	Incl. 2 from posts & 1 from checkpoint
Raids	24	2	26	Incl. 1 in Khan Yunis and 1 in Rafah
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Rafah
Arrests (per person)	4	—	4	Incl. a press photographer in Jerusalem
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. Palestine Chief Justice, Jerusalem
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Jayyus in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 2 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 4 in Hebron
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Rafah
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	Crops destroyed in the district of Rafah
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	—	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Fire opened on a checkpoint, Tulkarem
TOTAL	149	14	163	

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"> Beginning at dawn on 30 July 2009, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem, around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and on roads leading to the Western Wall to provide protection to Israeli settlers, who performed Jewish religious rituals on the occasion of the so-called Destruction of the Temple. Israeli restrictions were removed in the evening of 30 July 2009. 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. Arrest: On 30 July 2009, the Israeli army arrested 'Imad 'Awadh, a press photographer, at a gate to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Detention: On 30 July 2009, the Israeli army prevented Sheikh Taysir at Tamimi, the Chief Justice of Palestine, from entering the city of Jerusalem.
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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.
<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 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 Checkpoint/Detentions: At 23:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Rantis, searched civilians and vehicles, detained 3 Palestinian National Security officers, and released them after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ghassana and patrolled the area until 05:30. (ii) At 04:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Ni'lin and searched 1 house. • 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 style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<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 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the village of Al Jarba and Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</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 western entrance to the village of Shufa.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint/Attack: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. At 20:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access in both directions, and opened intensive fire while combing the area surrounding the checkpoint. Claiming that unidentified individuals had opened fire towards the checkpoint, the Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian. At 22:15, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of 'Anabta and the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: At 17:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of 'Anabta and Bal'a as well as the village of Kafr al Labad. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the area surrounding 'Einav checkpoint. • 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 08:50, 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. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Habla and the village of Ras 'Atiya. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (iii) At 20:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus and imposed curfew. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 22:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • 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. • 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

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. (iii) At 12:50, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and denied civilian access in both directions, ostensibly for investigation of a suspicious object. At 13:20, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Furush Beit Dajan. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. (iii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Salem. (iv) At 01:000, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp.
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 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. • 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.
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 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
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) 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. • <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>Checkpoint:</u> At 22:35, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:50, 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 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 19:00, the Israeli army severely beat Shaher 'Isa Ali Taqatqah near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Taqatqah was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Kisan, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur and the village of Bureid'a.

	<p>(iv) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested ‘Abbas ‘Atallah Mohammed as Sanna’ in the village of Kisan. • <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> <ol 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> <ol 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. (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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 11:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Karantina in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis (the eastern entrance to the town of Halhul) and searched civilians and vehicles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:20, and again at 20:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar. (iv) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Ali Shihadeh Abu Juheishah in the town of Idhna. • 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. • Violations of the Ceasefire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory. Israeli armoured vehicles and Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line also opened fire towards Palestinian territory in the districts of Khan Yunis and Rafah. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol along 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 to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
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GAZA	<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 partially open for transportation of fuel. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> In the evening of 30 July 2009, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) on the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:15, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Khuza'a. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
RAFAH	<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 closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>Attack:</u> At dawn on 31 July 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding Karm Abu Salem (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing Point on the Green Line towards agricultural land east of the town of Ash Shoka east of the city of Rafah. • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> At 06:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank, several armoured vehicles, and 1 bulldozer covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of the area of Abu Mu'ammara in the vicinity of Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army opened fire intensively towards agricultural land and civilian houses, levelled farmland, and withdrew at 08:00.