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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 June 2007 – 08:00 09 June 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	1 armed Palestinian individuals, Hebron
Physical Assaults	5	_	5	Incl. 2 children beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	6	2	8	Incl. a deaf civilian in critical condition
Attacks	7	5	12	Incl. 5 in raids & 4 from military posts
Raids	31	3	34	Incl. 6 in Jenin and 8 in Hebron
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Combat helicopters over Rafah district
Arrests (per person)	10	1	11	Incl. 2 children & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	20	2	22	Incl. 4 international peace activists
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Near the Green Line in Rafah district
House Occupations	_	4	4	Converted into military posts in Rafah
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	37	_	37	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Land surveyed in Al Walaja, Bethlehem
Palestinian Attacks	_	4	4	7 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Against the Wall, Ramallah & Bethlehem
TOTAL	155	28	183	

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.

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) 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.
- <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.

• 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 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 was suspended for the weekend 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 Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	• Raid: At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a
	checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. Raids: (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area until 03:00. Arrest: At 17:55, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Mohammed Rateb Mustafa ad Dik, a Palestinian National Security officer. Demonstration/Attack/Injuries/Detentions: A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilian
JENIN	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour roads leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and the other in the area between the villages of Siris and Al Far'a, and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Al Far'a refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 15:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

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	 (ii) At 15:40, and again at 01:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun. (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ra'i and patrolled the area until 06:00. (iv) At 00:40, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem 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 Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raids: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Shufa and patrolled the area until 20:25. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town 'Illar and patrolled the area until 06:00. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Zeita and patrolled the area until 01:55.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. 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 metal detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians. Raid: At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and searched 1 house.

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the (i) junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler (ii) bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al (iii) Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western (i) entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed **NABLUS** (ii) on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit (iii) Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close (iv) the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. Raids/Attack: (i) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided Balata refugee (ii) camp in the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 05:40. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Ra'd Ma'een al 'Umran. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western (ii) **SALFIT** entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut (i) checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara (ii) junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.

	 Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 Ari'el. Raids: At 14:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Khirbet Qeis and patrolled the area. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit.
JERICHO	 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. Checkpoints: 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Flying Checkpoint: At 13:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Az Zubeidat and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Az Zubeidat: Ya'qoub Khalil Az Zbeidat; and Sabah Hasan az Zbeidat.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. Raids/Detentions/Physical Assaults: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and detained as well as beat 2 children. The Israeli army also arrested 1 child. At 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr and the village of Artas. Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Detentions: At 14:10, a mass demonstration took place in the village Um Salamuna in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops beat a number of protestors, leaving 3 civilian protestors with contusions. In addition, Israeli troops detained 4 international peace activists and arrested 2 civilians.

Arrests:

The Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Sami Ibrahim Younes in the town (i) of Al Khadr.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Um Salamuna:

- Mohammed Ahmed Brijiyyeh; and
- (iii) Abdullah Barakat Hajjaj.
- **Settlement Activity:** The Israeli army surveyed land belonging to the village of Al Walaja for Wall construction.

Closure:

- The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) 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 to and from the area.
- Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to (ii) implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; 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 the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to (ii) prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling 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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

Flying Checkpoints/Detentions/Attack:

At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the Ibrahimi (i) Mosque in the old city of Hebron, detained a number of young civilians

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- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, claiming that it did not stop at the checkpoint.

• Raids/Attacks/Detentions/Injury:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Nuba.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and fired sound and tear gas grenades towards civilians at the fruits and vegetables market. At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 2 houses.
- (iii) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa, searched 1 house, and detained 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a number of flying checkpoints on the town's internal road junctions, searched civilians and vehicles, detained 1 civilian, and released him at a later time. The Israeli army also arrested 3 civilians. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched a number of houses.
- (v) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Taffuh and opened fire towards armed Palestinian individuals, killing 1 armed individual and critically injuring another, called Yousef Abdul Nabi Irzeiqat. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched 1 house.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Hijazi Mohammed Irzeiqat in the town of Taffuh.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the town of Yatta.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• Despite frequent violations, the ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective.		
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, merchants, and VIPs. Attacks/Injuries: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 08:00, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards the town of Beit Hanun, critically injuring 'Imad Tawfiq Wahdan, a deaf civilian. At 21:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 51 on the Green Line towards a child east of the town of Jabalya, claiming that he was attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. The Israeli army also arrested the child. At 01:40, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards the area surrounding the College of Agriculture in the town of Beit Hanun, injuring 1 civilian. 		

	Arrest: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified child east of the town of
	 Jabalya. Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: (i) At 10:10, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 17:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	 <u>Raid</u>: At 03:50, Israeli Special Forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 140 on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 08:45, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
KHAN YUNIS	• Attack: At 17:55, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 145 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Raids/Land Levelling/Attack/Air Patrol/House Occupations/Detentions: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, as follows: At 05:45, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided Palestinian territory near Point 20 on the Green Line and levelled land in the area of Sufa east of the city of Rafah. At 05:50, the Israeli army, including 8 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer covered by combat helicopters, raided the area of Ad Dihniya near Point 228 on the Green Line east of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport. Israeli combat helicopters opened fire towards civilian houses. In addition, Israeli troops occupied the roofs of 4 houses, converted them into military posts, and forced civilians between 15 and 45 years of age to gather in a yard. The Israeli army also detained and interrogated 50 civilians. Palestinian Attack: At 03:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.