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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 17 June 2006 – 08:00 18 June 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	4	2	6	Incl. 4 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	22	—	22	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 6 in Bethlehem
Arrests	9	—	9	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	19	—	19	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Wall Construction	32	—	32	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 civilian vehicle at a checkpoint, Jenin
Curfew	1	—	1	Over a neighbourhood in Nablus city
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. Huwwara and Beit Iba partially
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem & 5 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	33	—	33	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 1 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Call to prayers prohibited, Hebron
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	A road and a fence to be constructed
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Waste water flowed onto Bruqin land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Incl. shelling near 1 Pal. security post
Palestinian Attacks	1	7	8	Incl. fire opened towards Israeli army
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	1	2 unexploded artillery shells located
TOTAL	158	17	175	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<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, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. 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 barbed wire and has denied civilian access. The Israeli army completely closed with cement blocks the main road leading to Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint towards the town of Beit Hanina and the settlement of Neve Ya'akov. The Israeli army only allows access to vehicles belonging to civilian residents of Dahiyat al Bareed and the town of Ar Ram who possess permits or hold Jerusalem IDs. To access Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint, civilians must first travel through the centre of Dahiyat al Bareed, passing through Rosary Sisters' School. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. Checkpoint: According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a "border crossing point", the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts. 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 Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas
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	<p>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of Bir Nabala and Qalandiya as well as the villages of Jaba' and Hizma and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
<p>RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Surda and patrolled the area until 01:40. (ii) At 03:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 03:15. (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima, searched 2 houses, and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 05:00 on 17 June 2006, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid on the town of Abu Shukheidim, as was reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nasser Abdul Hafeth; and (ii) A civilian called Abu Hani. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Rima:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) 'Imad Ahmed al Asmar; and (iv) Mujeeb Abdul Jawwad.
<p>JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. The Israeli army also continues to install a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tammun, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian after confiscating his vehicle.

	<p>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ash Shuhada' and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle, forcing it to stop, searched civilians inside the vehicle, and then released them. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <p>(i) Beginning at 02:30 on 17 June 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the village of Al 'Aqaba. Claiming that armed Palestinian individuals had opened fire towards Israeli troops, the Israeli army searched all civilian houses in the village, after detaining residents outside. At 10:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and opened indiscriminate fire while it was patrolling the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Tammun arrested 'Adel Naji Khezaran.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road; and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road. The Israeli army allows civilians to enter the city of Tulkarem but prevents them from exiting it, except for those possessing access permits.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to impede civilian access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta.</p> <p>(ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 24:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 00:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem.</p>
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <p>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</p>

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
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 main road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of Nablus to the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem. (iii) The Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint and denied civilian access in both directions, after having arrested 2 civilians ostensibly for locating an explosive belt and a pistol in their possession. • Flying Checkpoint: At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Salim, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Salim and searched a number of houses. (iii) At 04:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, imposed curfew over Ras al ‘Ein neighbourhood, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched a number of houses. At 07:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Ala’ Mohammed Steiti, a Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 2 civilians, including Ayman Thoqan, allegedly for locating an explosive belt and a pistol in their possession.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detention:</u> At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint detained Mohammed Ahmed Dhufda', a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at 13:05. • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> The Israeli army continues to level land belonging to the villages of An Naqura, Sabastiya, and Deir Sharaf in the area surrounding the settlement of Shavei Shomron for the construction of a settler bypass road and the erection of a security fence around the settlement.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the south-eastern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan as well as the western entrances to the towns of Bruqin and Deir Istiya and to the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 15:15, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 16:00, waste water continues to flow from the settlement of Ari'el onto land belonging to the town of Bruqin, thereby causing environmental damage.
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-issued 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-issued IDs. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho-issued IDs. The Israeli army also continues to install a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Beit Fajjar to the village of Marah Rabah. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint and to deny access to civilian vehicles, except for those possessing access permits. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • Flying Checkpoint: At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' and fired flares over the area. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya as well as the villages of Dar Salah and Al Khas, set up checkpoints at their entrances, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 17:00. (ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (iii) At 18:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 20:10. (iv) At 00:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul 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. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the closure of civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron. Civilian vehicles continue to be prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 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 entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; Al Baq'a junction south of the town of Beit 'Awwa; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road leading to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Saed Falah Shreiteh in the town of Yatta. • <u>Attack on Religious Site:</u> On 16 and 17 June 2006, the Israeli army prohibited the call to prayers from being broadcast at the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, claiming that it disturbed Israeli settlers.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements. • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. • <u>Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 06:20, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing forced at gunpoint Palestinian National Security officers to stop and prevented them travelling to and from their duty station near the Crossing. The Israeli troops also verbally assaulted the Palestinian officers. However, the situation was resolved through the DCO.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:50, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, but exploded in the area from which it was launched. (ii) At 06:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 07:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 07:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 15:30, the Palestinian Engineering Unit combed Zindah land west of the town of Beit Lahiya and located 2 artillery shells that had been fired by the Israeli army in the preceding days but did not explode.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 20:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but landed on 1 civilian house on Palestinian territory.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 23:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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 Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, as well as Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Attack:</u> At 03:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory north of Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abuse of Political Female Prisoners:</u> Female political prisoners held in Talmond Prison are suffering from harsh imprisonment conditions. Israeli Police forces raided Section # 11, which accommodates 48 female political prisoners, and physically searched them in a humiliating and provocative manner. In addition, the Israeli Police forces isolated a number of the female prisoners.
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> A total of 1,767 work permits for crossing the Green Line have been delivered by the Israeli authorities to the Palestinian Chambers of Commerce, which sequentially delivered them to the Palestinian employment offices with which the Israeli authorities had suspended contacts. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10, whose holders were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.