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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 17 June 2009 – 08:00 18 June 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	1	3	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	27	_	27	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	6	_	6	Incl. a high school student in Ramallah
Detentions	14	_	14	Incl. a female civilian in Tulkarem
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Hebron
House Demolitions	*	_	_	Demolition notices handed, Jerusalem
Wall Construction	21	_	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	7	_	7	Incl. makeshift houses demolished
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	48	_	48	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	_	1	A civilian severely beaten in Hebron
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	Fire opened on an Israeli patrol, N. Gaza
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	An Israeli settler handed over in Jericho
Demonstration	1	_	1	In solidarity with political prisoners, Jenin
TOTAL	152	5	157	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify 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.
- (ii) 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).
- (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

JERUSALEM

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Biddu. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 10:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) On 17 June 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Hanina and distributed notices for the demolition of 6 residential flats as well as a commercial shop, claiming that they were built without the required construction licences. The affected flats and shop belong to:
 - (i) Ibrahim al 'Abboushi; and
 - (ii) Mohammed ash Shobaki.

	 (iii) On 17 June 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Isawiya and distributed notices for the demolition of 7 residential flats belonging to Amjad Mahfouth Dirbas. The Israeli authorities claimed that the flats had been constructed without the required construction licences. • House Demolitions: On 17 June 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of a number of houses in Dahiyat as Salam near Shu'fat refugee camp and in the neighbourhood of Al Mukabbir Mount in the city of Jerusalem, claiming they were built without the required construction licences. On 17 June 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of 3 annexes to civilian buildings in the Ad Disi neighbourhood near the Jaffa Gate in the old city of Hebron. • Wall Gates: 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 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 Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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. Raid: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima. Arrest: At 12:00 on 17 June 2009, the Israeli army arrested Nour ad Din Ibrahim al 'Arouri, a high school student, during its raid into the town of 'Arura, as was reported yesterday. 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.
JENIN	 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. Raids: At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the village 'Anin and patrolled the area until 21:50. At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Araqa and patrolled the area until 23:50.

	 (iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Anza and patrolled the area until 23:55. • Demonstration: At 11:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Jenin in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Protestors also demanded that all political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons. • 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.
TUBAS	 Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. Raid: At 02:15, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp and patrolled the area until 02:40. Destruction of Property: At 09:30, the Israeli army demolished 5 makeshift houses belonging to shepherds as well as a number of sheep pens in the vicinity of the village of Al Malih in the area of the Northern Jordan Valley, allegedly because they were in close proximity to the settlement of Maskiyyot.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoint: At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 10:00, and again at 22:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Illar, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida, searched a number of houses, and served summons to 5 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Illar: Thaer Amin Abdul Latif Abu Sa'dah; and Salah 'Awni Abdul Ghani. Detention: At 13:40, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint detained Basimah Mohammed Mahmoud, ostensibly because she had attempted to stab an Israeli soldier. At 18:40, Israeli troops handed over Basima to the Palestinian DCO.

	Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:45. Raids: At 10:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Hajja. At 23:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Azzun 'Atma. At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Sanniriya and searched 1 house. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til 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; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. Beginning at 16:00 on 16 June 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with cement blocks a main entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, connecting it to the towns of 'Aqraba and Qabalan and the village of Osarin. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: 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 Huwwara checkpoint, access to civilians is allowed between 05:00 and 24:00 and to civilian vehicles around the clock.
	(iii) At Beit Furik checkpoint, civilian access is allowed between 05:00
	and 23:00.
	(iv) 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. • Raids/Attack/Destruction of Property:
	(i) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa.
	(ii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched a
	number of houses. Having fired a sound grenade, the Israeli army
	destroyed the furniture of a house. The Israeli army also arrested 2
	civilians.
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus:
	(i) Yihya Nidhal al Aghbar; and
	(ii) Saed Sami Hamdan.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:00. Raids: At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, searched a computer maintenance workshop, and withdrew at 16:40. At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Sarta and patrolled the area until 17:20. 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	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:

- (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.
- (iii) At 06:00, the Israeli army removed the DCO checkpoint that was set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and allowed free civilian access in both directions.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 16:30, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli settler while he was attempting to gain access into the city of Jericho.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.
- (ii) 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 *dunums* (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 2 side 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 Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahhal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

• Raids:

- (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr
- (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan.
- (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, searched 3 houses, and withdrew at 04:20.
- <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.

BETHLEHEM

• Closure:

- (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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Taffuh.
- (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched a petroleum station.

HEBRON

- <u>Arrest</u>: At 02:00 on 17 June 2009, the Israeli army arrested Hani Mahmoud Ali Jubran during its raid into the town of Surif as was reported yesterday.
- **Detentions:** At 13:00, the Israeli army detained 5 shepherds while they were tending sheep on civilian land in the village of Um al Kheir near the settlement of Karmi'el east of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army released all detained shepherds after having prevented them from grazing their sheep in the area, allegedly because it belonged to said settlement.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 21:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba' severely beat Mufeed al 'Amayreh, a resident of the town of Dura, while he was travelling along the settler bypass road near the settlement. Having sustained contusions, Al 'Amayreh was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

GAZA STRIP

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 ALL ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. DISTRICTS **Violation of the Ceasefire:** The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the (i) Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun in the district of Northern Gaza. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line.

• Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 14:20, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory. • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially for transportation of fuel.

CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open an exceptional basis to allow access to 59 ill civilians after they had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. 		