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# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 31 July 2006 – 08:00 01 August 2006

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths		2	2	Incl. 1 child in Beit Hanun town, N. Gaza
Injuries		3	3	1 civilian in N. Gaza & 2 in K. Yunis
Attacks	1	13	14	Incl. 259 artillery shells fired, Gaza Strip
Raids	10	5	15	Incl. 3 in Hebron & 2 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrol	_	1	1	F16 combat aircraft over Gaza city
Arrests	4	_	4	Incl. 1 female civilian
Detentions	17	1	18	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	1	3	4	In Nablus, Central Gaza, and Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	27	_	27	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Incl. furniture of 1 house damaged
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. 'Einav and Jubara partially
Flying Checkpoints	20	_	20	Incl. Jenin (8), Salfit (4), & Hebron (3)
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. the city of Jerusalem partially
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun & Al Muntar partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	3	3	Incl. shelling near Pal. security locations
Palestinian Attacks	_	7	7	17 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	3 illegal vehicles handed over, Qalqiliya
Demonstrations	3	_	3	Against Israeli massacre in Qana/Lebanon
TOTAL	141	45	186	

DISTRICT EVENT	DISTRICT
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## WEST BANK 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. **ALL** On the evening of 31 July 2006, the Israeli army imposed a complete **DISTRICTS** closure over the West Bank districts that would last until the evening of 05 August 2006. With the exception of humanitarian cases, civilians and workers who hold crossing permits have been prevented from entering the city of Jerusalem or crossing into areas inside the Green Line. 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 Agsa Mosque compound. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to (i) Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir (iii)

## **JERUSALEM**

Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special

Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the

The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to

the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of

crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.

## **Wall Gates:**

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- (i) 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 (ii) 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 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 of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib,

	<ul> <li>and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qalandiya leading to the city of Ramallah, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Saffa as well as the Ramallah-Jericho road (the segment between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud).</li> <li>Checkpoint: 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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Shuqba and Rantis and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid/Destruction of Property: At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima, searched 1 house, and damaged its furniture. The Israeli army also arrested 1 university student and withdrew at 02:25.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mu'ayyad Jum'ah in the town of Beit Rima.</li> <li>Demonstration: At 18:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in protest and denunciation of the massacre that the Israeli army had perpetrated in the village of Qana in southern Lebanon.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Road: 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.</li> <li>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. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ul> <li>At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 6 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of 'Arraba, Az Zababida, Meithalun, Tubas, and Tammun as well as the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

civilian. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, searched 1 house, and patrolled the area until 04:30. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of 'Arraba arrested Murad Ahmed Mirshed. 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 following roads: the Dahiyat Dhinnaba- Kafr al Labad road; the Kafr al Labad-Shufa road; the southern entrance to the town of Baga ash Sharqiya; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road as well as at Jubara TULKAREM checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to deny access to civilians under 35 years of age. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint/Detention: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians after having blindfolded them. Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem as well as raided and searched a sports club, a centre for teaching the Qur'an, a commercial complex, and a number of houses. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern (i) entrance to the town of 'Azzun as well as the agricultural roads east of the town. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (ii) entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) **QALQILIYA** Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and

	vehicles.
	<ul> <li><u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: Palestinian security forces handed over 3 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:</li> <li>Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. Access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem is denied.</li> <li>Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00.</li> <li>At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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.</li> <li>Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.</li> <li>At 16:15, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint and reopened it at a later time.</li> <li>Raid/Attack: At 02:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and opened indiscriminate fire while it was patrolling the area. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>Arrests:</li> <li>Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Sami Sameh 'Uleiwi.</li> <li>One of 2 civilians reported to have been arrested yesterday by the Israeli army on the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf was identified as Tayseer Hasan 'Amouri. The Israeli army arrested the 2 civilians, ostensibly for locating an explosive belt in their possession.</li> <li>Land Levelling: At 12:30, the Israeli</li></ol></li></ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads:         <ol> <li>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).</li> </ol> </li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades 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</li> </ul>

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	western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the south-
	eastern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.
	• <u>Checkpoints:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut
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	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara
	junction checkpoint and to deny access to civilians under 35 years of
	age.
	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00.
	(ii) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the
	villages of Haris and Qarawat Bani Hassan on the Trans-Samaria
	Highway and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of
	Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land,
	forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to
JERICHO	deny access to the city to holders of Israeli-issued IDs.
	Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set
	up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers
	holding Jericho IDs.
	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:
BETHLEHEM	(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.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : 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 continues in the area northwest of the
	town of Al Khadr, north of 'Ayda refugee camp, and northwest of the city

of Beit Jala.

## • Raids:

- (i) At 23:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem until 05:20.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 19:25, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in protest and denunciation of the massacre that the Israeli army had perpetrated in the village of Qana in southern Lebanon.

#### • 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.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to 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: 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. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.
- Wall Construction: The Israeli army has completed the construction of the Wall sections between the towns of Nuba and Kharas as well as between the towns of Beit Ula and Idhna, with the exception of a 2-km-long section between the area south of the town of Beit Ula and Tarqumiya Crossing Point. The Israeli army has also completed the construction of the Wall section extending between the villages of Al Kum and Beit Mirsim, towards the town of Beit 'Awwa as well as the villages of Deir Samit, Sikka, Al Majd, Deir al 'Asal at Tahta, Beit ar Rush al Foqa, Beit ar Rush at Tahta, and al Burj. In addition, the Israeli army has completed the construction of the Wall section in the village of Ar Ramadin, with the exception of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin. On the other hand, Wall construction, which has now reached the village of Khirbet Imneizil, continues east of the town of Yatta.
- Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al

## **HEBRON**

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Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

- Raids:
- (i) At 05:50, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Burj, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 female civilian.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a number of checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Myassar Mohammed Dodeen, a female civilian, in the village of Al Burj.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in protest and denunciation of the massacre that the Israeli army had perpetrated in the village of Qana in southern Lebanon.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

- The Israeli army has been implementing a new measure before shelling civilian houses; it has been contacting civilian residents either directly by telephone or through the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and demanding that they evacuate their houses.
- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.
- Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Injury: Between 08:00 on 31 July 2006 and 08:00 on 01 August 2006, the Israeli army fired 247 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: in the area of Abu Hassira; in the area of Al Waha; in the area surrounding Al Qarya al Badawiya as well as the American School; and in the area surrounding Ash Sheikh Zayid city north, northwest, and east of the town of Beit Lahiya. Artillery shells also landed near the College of Agriculture, near Palestinian National Security locations, and on Zammu Street north, east, and southeast of the town of Beit Hanun. On Zammu Street in the town of Beit Hanun, the Israeli attack resulted in the killing of 1 child and the injury of another child. In addition, artillery shells landed near 1 Palestinian National Security location on Tallet al Kashef and on Salah ad Din main road east of the town of Jabalya.

# NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed 16-year-old Nahedh Mohammed ash Shinbari on Zammu Street in the town of Beit Hanun.
- <u>Raid</u>: At 22:40, Israeli army infantry forces raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 14 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- Palestinian Attacks:
- (i) At 09:50, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (ii) At 10:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
- (iii) At 19:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (iv) At 07:55, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- (v) At 08:00, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open. The Crossing was open from 10:00 until 16:20.</li> <li>Air Patrol: At 12:25, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over Gaza city.</li> <li>Palestinian Attacks: <ol> <li>At 13:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> <li>At 07:35, 4 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul> <li><u>Death</u>: Yousef Sa'eed al Maghari died at an Israeli hospital of critical injuries sustained during the Israeli army's incursion into Al Maghazi refugee camp, as was reported on 20 July 2006.</li> <li><u>Raid/Land Levelled</u>: At 17:50, the Israeli army, including 1 tank, 4 armoured vehicles, and 2 bulldozers, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 125 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp and levelled agricultural land.</li> <li><u>Detentions</u>: At 14:00, the Israeli army detained 2 civilians, after they had gained access into areas inside the Green Line, near Point 127 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp and released them at 18:25. The 2 civilians are:</li> <li>(i) Mustafa Omar 'Arafeh; and</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Mahmoud Katkat.</li> </ul>
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Attack/Injuries: At 08:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 143 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara, injuring 2 civilians.</li> <li>Raids/Land Levelling: <ol> <li>At 11:25, the Israeli army, including 1 tank, 1 armoured vehicle, and 2 bulldozers, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and levelled land.</li> <li>At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Kessufim gate on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and levelled land.</li> <li>Expulsion: At 23:55, the Israeli army demanded (by telephone) that Usamah Sidqi Abu Younes evacuate his house in the village of 'Abasan al Kabira in order to shell the house.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Attack: At 09:55, the Israeli army fired 12 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards agricultural land north of Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah.</li> <li>Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army, including a number of armoured vehicles, raided Yasser 'Arafat International Airport. The Israeli army also fired tank shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory</li> </ul>

- in the area surrounding the Airport east of the city of Rafah.
- <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 16:40, the Israeli authorities demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian National Security forces, including the Palestinian Presidential Guard forces, evacuate Yasser 'Arafat International Airport.

### **GENERAL**

## WORK PERMITS

- West Bank: A total of 4,115 work permits for crossing the Green Line have been delivered by the Israeli authorities to the Palestinian Chambers of Commerce. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown.
- <u>Gaza Strip</u>: Workers were not allowed to enter into areas inside the Green Line because the Israeli army has closed Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing.