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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 August 2006 – 08:00 04 August 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	8	8	Incl. 2 children, incl. a 3-day infant
Injuries	1	33	34	Incl. 30 civilians in Rafah, incl. children
Incursions	_	2	2	North of Northern Gaza & east of Rafah
Air Attacks	_	3	3	1 by combat aircraft & 2 by helicopters
Attacks	5	7	12	Incl. 6 in raids & 4 from military posts
Raids	19	2	21	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 5 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	_	6	6	1 by combat aircraft & 5 by helicopters
Arrests	9	_	9	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	14	1	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolitions	_	2	2	Incl. a 3-storey building in Beit Hanun
Wall Construction	27	_	27	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	3	3	Incl. 2 houses during air attacks, Gaza
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A civilian's ID card at a checkpoint, Jenin
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the old city of Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Tayasir and Al Hamra partially
Flying Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 2 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. the city of Jerusalem partially
Closure of Main Roads	38	_	38	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	Call to prayers prohibited in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	_	3	3	3 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	143	75	218	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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. Beginning on the evening of 31 July 2006, the Israeli army has imposed a ALL complete closure over the West Bank districts that would last until the **DISTRICTS** evening of 05 August 2006. With the exception of humanitarian cases, civilians and workers who hold crossing permits have also 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:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road (ii) connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir (iii) Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to (iv) the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. **JERUSALEM** Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. **Wall Gates:** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu (i) 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,
	 and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna. Raid: At 08:30, Israeli army infantry forces raided Qalandiya refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. 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). 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. 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. Attack: At 23:30, the Israeli army fired flares over the city of El Bireh. Raids: At 13:45, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of Beit Liqya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 14:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 02:30. The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma and arrested 4 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Mjahed Abdul Fattah Daghrah in the village of Kafr 'Ein. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Kafr Ni'ma: Ahmed Abdul Majeed Nassar; Hakam 'Adnan Hanani; Ahmed Suleiman 'Ataya; and Ali Ahmed Nassr.
JENIN	 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. 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.
	Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

Flying Checkpoints/Confiscation of Property: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (i) the town of 'Arraba, searched civilian vehicles, and confiscated an ID card belonging to Kamal Mohammed 'Awwad. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints on the junctions (ii) to the towns of Az Zababida, Meithalun, and Tammun as well as the village of Sanur and searched civilians and civilians. Raids: At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and patrolled the area until 04:30. 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 TULKAREM 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road as well as at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to deny access to civilians under 35 years of age. At 'Einav checkpoint, the Israeli army has confined crossing times to the period between 07:00 and 17:00 every day. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raid: At 02:40, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 04:00. **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: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(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.
	• Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing
	checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
	(i) 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.
	(ii) Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of
	Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades.
	(iii) Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern
	entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00.
NABLUS	(iv) 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.
	(v) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit
	Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
	Raids/House Occupation:
	(i) At 09:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 1 house,
	and converted it into a military post. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided
	the city again, searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and
	withdrew at 05:00.
	(ii) At 02:05, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided Balata refugee
	camp in the city of Nablus, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 02:45.
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus:
	(i) Fat'hi Hamdi al Qaddoumi; and
	(ii) Shadi al Gheit.
	(iii) The Israeli army arrested Sameeh Mohammed Hashash in Balata
	refugee camp.
	• 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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).
	(ii) 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
SALFIT	western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	• Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Dair Ballut
	(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 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: At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Salfit and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00. At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Khirbet Qeis and 'Ammuriya and searched civilians and vehicles until 01:20.
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-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. Raids: At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Jericho and 'Ein as Sultan refugee camp. While the Israeli army was surrounding 1 house in the refugee camp, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army then arrested the Palestinian National Security officer and withdrew at 05:10. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Yasser Ibrahim Abu Sharar, a Palestinian National Security officer, in 'Ein as Sultan refugee camp.
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. 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: 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. 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 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: At 17:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:40, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled the area until 19:05.

- (ii) At 18:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
- (iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 22:30.

• 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 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attacks/Injury:

- (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, opened fire, and fired sound grenades, injuring 1 civilian.
- <u>Curfew</u>: At 17:30, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the old city of Hebron, claiming to be providing protection to an Israeli settlers' celebration. The curfew continued to be imposed until 21:00.
- Attack on Religious Site: At 09:00, the Israeli army prohibited the call to prayers from being broadcast at the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.

HEBRON

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 Beginning on 25 June 2006, and following the capture of an Israeli soldier during the Palestinian attack on the Israeli army military post near Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing, the Israeli army has: reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the district of Northern Gaza; carried out a limited incursion into the eastern Rafah district beginning on 28 June 2006; and imposed a sea blockade that has prevented Palestinian fishing boats from sailing. Before shelling civilian houses, the Israeli army has been contacting civilian residents directly by telephone and demanding that they evacuate their houses.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Incursion: Beginning at 12:10 on 01 August 2006, the Israeli army has continued to reinforce its presence on Palestinian territory near the area of Al Hawuz north of the town of Beit Lahiya as well as in and around Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Raid: At 19:40, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 25 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun and destroyed a 3-storey building. Air Patrol: At 21:30, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza's coast.
GAZA	 Air Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property: At 00:20, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards 1 house belonging to Omar al Khateeb in Ash Shati' refugee camp, after the Israeli army had notified him (by telephone) to evacuate. The Israeli air attack resulted in the injury of 1 civilian and the damage of the house. At 01:45, an Israeli combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards 1 house belonging of Mohammed Abu Qneiss on Al Jala' Street in Gaza city, after the Israeli army had notified him (by telephone) to evacuate. The Israeli air attack resulted in the injury of 2 civilians, including 1 child, and the damage of the house. Raid/Attack: At 09:20, an Israeli army jeep raided Palestinian territory near Point 100 on the Green Line in Wadi Gaza south of Gaza city and opened fire towards shepherds. Air Patrols: At 11:30, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Gaza city and dropped flyers. Printed on the flyers was a caricature of Khaled Mish'al, Chairman of Hamas's Political Office, and accused him of jeopardising civilians' lives and security in the Gaza Strip. At 24:00, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Gaza city.

	 Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 01:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 02:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• <u>Palestinian Attack</u> : At 19:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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. Incursion/Destruction of Property/Detention: Beginning at 10:15 on 02 August 2006, the Israeli army has continued to reinforce its presence on Palestinian territory in and around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport as well as in the area of Ash Shoka east of the city of Rafah. Later, the Israeli army carried out an incursion into the area of Al Jumeiza west of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. In addition, the Israeli army destroyed a number of green houses, demolished 1 house in the area of Ash Shoka, detained 12 civilians, and released them at a later time. House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Majed Abu Rizq in the area of Ash Shoka east of the city of Rafah. Air Attack/Injuries: At 10:20, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards a gathering of civilians in the area of Ash Shoka east of the city of Rafah, injuring a number of civilians. Attacks/Injuries: (i) At 10:55, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards the area of Ash Shoka east of the city of Rafah, injuring 2 civilians, including 1 child. (ii) At 11:55, the Israeli army opened fire and fired a number of artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards the area of Ad Dihniya, killing 1 civilian (whose corpse was torn into pieces) and injuring another civilian. (iii) At 06:30, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on Palestinian territory towards the area east of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah, killing 3 civilians. Kill

- (vii) Mohammed Ahmed Shaheen.
- (viii) At 08:00, Shahd Saleh Sheikh al 'Eid, a 3-day-old female infant, died after she fell from her mother's arms who was fleeing from her house in fear of the Israeli army's shelling towards civilian houses east of the city of Rafah.
- <u>Injuries</u>: During the Israeli army's recent incursion into Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah (which was accompanied by air and artillery attacks), a total of 30 civilians, including children, sustained injuries.