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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 August 2007 – 08:00 19 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	A 17-year-old child in Northern Gaza
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten in Hebron
Injuries	—	5	5	Incl. 3 armed Palestinian individuals
Attacks	10	2	12	Incl. 10 in raids and 1 from a military post
Raids	33	1	34	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 8 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	6	6	12	Incl. 1 Police officer & 2 injured civilians
Detentions	19	—	19	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into military posts in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	14 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	179	25	204	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

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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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. 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. 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 a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access in both directions. 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 IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna. Raid: The Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Anata.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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 eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil and with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. • <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 impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir, patrolled the area, opened fire, and fired flares. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Deir Dibwan and searched 1 house. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested 'Imad ad Duqmaq in the city of El Bireh.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: 2 on the junctions to the town of 'Arraba and the village of Al Kufeir and 1 near the Arab American University. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of As Sa'ada forest west of the city of Jenin. (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the towns of As Silat al Harithiya and Al Yamun as well as the villages of At Tayba and Kafr Dan and patrolled these areas until 02:00.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the road

	<p>to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 10:35, and again at 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • Raids: <p>(i) At 08:25, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Illar's plain and combed the area until 12:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 08:40, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr Jammal, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 child.</p> <p>(iii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Illar and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iv) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Zeita and patrolled the area until 02:10.</p> • Arrests: <p>(i) The Israeli army arrested 16-year-old Rakad Rakez As'ad in the village of Kafr Jammal.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Sameer Tawfiq 'Asa'sah in the town of 'Illar.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun as well as the road connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. • Wall Gates: <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> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints/Detention: <p>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Izbat Jal'ud and Ras 'Atiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also detained a Palestinian Police officer and released him at 18:00, after liaison with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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 the Jenin-Nablus 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 the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. (ii) 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. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. (v) At 12:20, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint and denied civilian access, after having arrested a child who was in possession of explosives. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Asira al Qibliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attacks/Injuries/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Qusin. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which a female civilian and her 3 children sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 18:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata and searched a number of houses near the settler bypass road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Till. While searching a house, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qalil. (v) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps. In the area surrounding 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp, the Israeli army occupied a number of houses and converted them into military posts. While patrolling the area, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 17-year-old Abdullah 'Ata Salem 'Odeh.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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 western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • Checkpoints: <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 impeded civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir Istiya and the village of Zeita Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: At 19:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 19:50.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilian vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint arrested Iyad Ahmed Bani 'Odeh, a Palestinian Police officer.
BETHLEHEM	<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. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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 the settlement of Efrat; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (ii) At 20:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, patrolled the area, opened fire, and fired flares.
HEBRON	<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. 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) 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Baqqar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Detention/Physical Assault/Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:00 on 18 August 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, searched 1 house, and detained 1 civilian, after having severely beaten him. At 06:00 on 18 August 2007, the Israeli army released the detained civilian. (ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again. (iii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Samit, searched 1 house, set up 2 checkpoints in the village's centres and at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Kureise. Confrontations also took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area. (v) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the area of Ras al 'Arudh in the town of Sa'ir. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 20:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (vi) At 22:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Surif, patrolled the area, and fired a sound grenade towards civilians. (vii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit 'Amra. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Mohammed Abdul 'Aziz al Qashqesh in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 18:10, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the entrance to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. Israeli troops also provoked civilians as they demanded that female civilians uplift their gowns for searches.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. The Israeli army has prevented transportation of fuel through the Crossing.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack/Injuries:</u> In the evening on 18 August 2007, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards 3 civilians, while they were collecting scrap metal in the area of Juhor ad Dik east of Gaza city, killing 1 child and injuring 2 others. The Israeli army also arrested the 2 injured civilians. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed 17-year-old Mohammed al 'Ubeid in the area of Juhor ad Dik. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 18 August 2007, the Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified civilians, while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line east of Gaza city. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified injured civilians in the area of Juhor ad Dik. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At dawn on 19 August 2007, 4 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 01:00, 4 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Attack/Injures:</u> At 02:00, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 10 Israeli army tanks, raided the area of Al 'Umur. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injured 2 armed individuals. At 03:00, Israeli troops withdrew from the area. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening on 18 August 2007, 6 mortars were 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 closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Administrations Detention:</u> Israeli military courts extended orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 12 political prisoners from the district of Qalqiliya. • <u>Abuse of Political Prisoners:</u> The Israeli Administration of 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre abuse political prisoners; it does not provide necessary medical treatment for ill prisoners; frequently forces prisoners to strip for searches; and does not provide adequate food supplies.
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