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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 August 2006 – 08:00 21 August 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death		1	1	1 female civilian of injuries sustained
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Incl. 1 child and taxi drivers beaten
Injuries	_	5	5	5 civilians in the Central Gaza district
Incursion	_	1	1	Areas east of the city of Rafah
Attacks	2	2	4	Incl. 1 in a raid & 2 from military posts
Raids	24	_	24	Incl. 8 in Ramallah & 5 in Jenin
Arrests	15	_	15	Incl. Secretary of Pal. Legislative Council
Detentions	18	_	18	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	28		28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	2	3	Incl. 1 house & vehicle damaged, C. Gaza
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Hebron
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the city of Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Al Badhan checkpoint completely
Flying Checkpoints	21		21	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 3 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. the city of Jerusalem partially
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 10 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Taking position near 1 Pal. security HQ
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	171	18	189	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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.

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the town of Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <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.

JERUSALEM

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) 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 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Jerusalem-Jericho main road near the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim and searched civilians and vehicles.

At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (ii) the town of Ar Ram and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to Dahiyat (iii) Beit Hanina in the city of Jerusalem and the town of Qalandiva and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram, searched 1 building, and served a summons to 1 civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil and the road connecting Dahiyat al Mu'allimin to Al Jalazun refugee camp. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to (ii) 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 impede 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. Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 10:30. RAMALLAH At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area (ii) between the villages of 'Arura and 'Ajjul, searched civilians and EL BIREH vehicles, and withdrew at 12:00. (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al, searched civilians and vehicles, and beat a number of taxi drivers. Raids: At 17:10, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the city of (i) Ramallah and arrested the Secretary of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC), after having searched his house. At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the villages of An (ii) Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 02:00. At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of (iii) Ramallah and the town of Beituniya, searched 1 building, and withdrew at 03:00. (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp and searched a number of houses. At 03:40, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the cities of (v) Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled the area until 05:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud ar Ramahi, the PLC Secretary,

in the city of Ramallah.

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:
	(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Anza, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
	 (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Far'a-Al Badhan road, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba on the Jenin-Nablus main road and the other at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 Raids: At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Tubas, set up a checkpoint at its northern entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area. At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin.
	 Arrests: (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Anza arrested an unidentified civilian. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Far'a-Al Badhan checkpoint arrested 2 civilians: (ii) 'Izzat Ibrahim Salahat; and
	(iii) Riyadh Ahmed Salahat.
	 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 Baqa ash Sharqiya; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at
TULKAREM	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 checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). At 'Einav checkpoint, the Israeli army has confined crossing times to the period

between 07:00 and 17:00 every day.

• <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Illar and 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Illar and Baqa ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 02:45, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled Tulkarem refugee camp.
- (iii) At 03:35, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 4 jeeps, raided the town of 'Anabta, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 university students (brothers).
- (iv) At 03:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr Rumman, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 university student.

• Arrests:

- (i) At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at 'Einav checkpoint set up on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road arrested Saleh Mahmoud Sadeq.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ibrahim Shteiwi in the city of Tulkarem.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of 'Anabta:

- (iii) Usayd Ziyad Hamdallah;
- (iv) Juweid Ziyad Hamdallah; and
- (v) Usayd Naji Sabhah.
- (vi) The Israeli army arrested Mahdi Munther al Hajj Ali in the town of Kafr Rumman.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and the road between the villages of Hajja and Kafr Qaddum.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

QALQILIYA

Raids/Palestinian Attack/Curfew/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- Beginning at 06:40 on 20 August 2006, the Israeli army remained (i) positioned in the city of Qalqiliya and opened indiscriminate fire. The Israeli army imposed curfew over the city following the detonation of an explosive device near an Israeli army jeep that was travelling in the area, Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 1 child and withdrew at 14:00.
- At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the eastern quarter (ii) of the city of Qalqiliya and took position near the offices of the Palestinian National Security Headquarters. At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the quarter again, patrolled the area, and withdrew at a later time.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 13-year-old Mohammed Khalil al 'Azzouni in the city of Qalqiliya.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the (i) 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:
- Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western (i) entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00.
- Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of (ii) Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades.
- Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern (iii) entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00.
- At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed (iv) on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.
- Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit (v) Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- At 09:00, the Israeli army closed Beit Furik checkpoint, denying (vi) civilian access in both directions.

Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:

- At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (i) the town of Jamma'in on the Trans-Samaria Highway, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area (ii) between the city of Nablus and the village of Till and searched civilians and vehicles.
- At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area (iii) student, and released her at 22:10.

NABLUS

	 Raid/Destruction of Property: At 03:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Rujeib, searched a number of houses, and damaged furniture in 1 house belonging to Ziyad Sidqi al Halabi. The Israeli army also arrested 3 civilians and withdrew at 05:00. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Rujeib: Mohammed Freih Dweikat; Raed Ziyad Dweikat; and Aysar Hussam Ka'bi.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: 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 Intifada (Uprising). 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 western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. 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. Flving Checkpoints/Detention: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Wadi Qana road connecting the districts of Salfit and Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 11:00. At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Bruqin (which is already closed with dirt barricades), examined civilians' IDs, and detained a number of civilians. At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:00.
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.

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. 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned at Gilo checkpoint severely beat Iyad Tawfeeq Sha'lan, after which he was transported to Bethlehem Public Hospital for medical treatment. Raids: At 02:30 on 20 August 2006, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Fureidis and arrested 1 civilian. At 01:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Artas and patrolled the area until 05:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ya'qoub Mohammed 'Askar in the village of Al Fureidis.
HEBRON	 Closure: 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. 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.
- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues: in the section between the area south of the town of Beit Ula and 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>Physical Assault</u>: At 09:30, the Israeli army beat 13-year-old Abdul Rahman as Salaymeh in the old city of Hebron.
- Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 01:20.
- <u>House Occupation</u>: The Israeli army occupied and converted into a military post 1 house, located along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 Beginning on 25 June 2006, the Israeli army has reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the district of Northern Gaza and imposed a sea blockade that has prevented Palestinian fishing boats from sailing. Beginning on 28 June 2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah.
NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property: At 19:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 116 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp, injuring 2 civilians. At 22:15, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards the area of Abu Hamam east of the city of Deir al Balah, injuring 3 civilians and damaging 1 house as well as 1 civilian vehicle. Palestinian Attack: At 22:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
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: Beginning at 18:20 on 07 August 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in and around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Death: At 10:35, Huda an Nouri, a female civilian, died of critical injuries sustained during an Israeli air attack on the area of Al Juneina in the city of Rafah, as was reported on 05 August 2006.