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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 28 August 2008 – 08:00, 29 August 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	10		10	Incl. 9 civilians in Ramallah
Arrests (per person)	6	4	10	Incl. 4 civilians in Northern Gaza
Detentions	19		19	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	25		25	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 3 in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	16		16	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12		12	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 3 in Hebron
Attacks	3	1	4	3 in confrontations & 1 from navy boats
Demolition of Property	1	1	2	Incl. damage caused to house furniture
Wall Construction	26		26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7		7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	52		52	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 5 in Salfit
Closure of Crossing Points		2	2	Only humanitarian cases allowed
Settler Violence	2		2	Settlers enter camp in Bethlehem
Demonstrations	1		1	In solidarity with prisoners
TOTAL	180	8	188	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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.		
JERUSALEM	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: 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 al-Ram town 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: 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. At 18:00, the Israeli army removed the checkpoint that is set up on the entrance to the village of Rafat that connects the city of Ramallah with the town of Bir Nibala in Jerusalem district. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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-Bareed, Dahiyat al-Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of al-'Eizariya to al-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.		
RAMALLAH &	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement		

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EL BIREH	blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of			
	Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages			
	of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya.			
	(ii) As of 00:25 on 01 August 2008, the Israeli army continues to close			
	with cement blocks the entrance to the town of Ni'lin.			
	• Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the			
	checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.			
	• Flying Checkpoints: At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the			
	entrance to the village of Kaf Ein, and searched civilians and vehicles.			
	• <u>Raids</u> :			
	(i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Jarir.			
	(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bani Zayd.			
	(iii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the city of al-Bireh and searched 1 civilian house.			
	• <u>Demonstrations</u> : At 17:00, a public march set out in the town of Ni'lin, with			
	the participation of international peace activists and supporters, in protest of			
	the apartheid wall construction. The Israeli army clashed with civilian			
	protestors and injured 9 civilians, including 7 children.			
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.			
	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the town of Qabatia, and searched civilians and vehicles. 			
JENIN	• Raids: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Arraba			
	 and the village of Fahma. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted 			
	special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.			
	<u>Checkpoints</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.			
TOURAG	• <u>Raids</u> :			
TOUBAS	(i) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Iqaba and			
	clashed with civilians during patrol, and injured 1 child.			
	(ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Toubas.			
	(iii) At 12:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of			
	Tamon.			
TULKAREM	Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm			
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	 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 western entrance to the village of Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. Raids: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita and patrolled it until 00:05. At 01:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, searched
	 1 residential building, and then withdrew at 02:20. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. Raids: (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya and set up a checkpoint. The raid recurred at 01:00 during which the Israeli army searched 5 civilian houses and caused material damage to their furniture. The Israeli army withdrew at 02:45. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Izbet al-Tabib upon throwing a cocktail Molotov on Nablus-Qalqilya main road. (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and patrolled it until 04:30. Arrests: At 04:30 on August 28, the Israeli army arrests during a raid into the city of Qalqilya 1 civilian called Loay Munir Sadeq Mohammad. Settler Violence: At 12:40, a gang of settlers razed Palestinian land near Nablus-Qalqilya main road west of the village of Jinasaphot. 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. Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

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• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of

Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.

- (ii) On 10 August 2008, the Israeli army re-opened the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron, allowing daily passage in both directions from 06:00 until 17:00.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only.
- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
- (iii) At 13:10, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint (western entrance to the city of Nablus under the pretext of the presence of a suspicious object, and reopened it at 13:30.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on al-Badhan Road (eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:05, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the city of Nablus and the town of ASeera al-Shimaliyyeh.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, stormed 1 commercial store, and arrested 1 "wanted" Palestinian. The raid recurred at 02:00.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Iqraba, searched a number of civilian houses, and withdrew at 03:30.
- (iii) At 02:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Beita and searched a number of civilian houses.

• Arrests:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army arrested at Beit Iba checkpoint 1 civilian called Tareq Nizar Zamari.
- (ii) The civilian arrested in the city if Nablus is Adham Mahmoud Labbadeh.
- (iii) The civilian arrested in the town of Iqraba is Nasuh Jamil Lafi Bani Fadel.

SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. (iii) At 14:50, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the town of Kafl Hares and the village of Hares with earth mounds and reopened it at 16:40. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. Flying Checkpoints: At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the town of Bruqin and the village of Kafr al-Dik, and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet Qays. (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Hares, clashed with civilians during patrol, and withdrew at 22:10. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al-Dik and patrolled it until 22:25. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. Checkpoints: 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Detention: At 14:30, the Israeli army detained at al-Hamra junction 1 military officer called Kamal Mahmoud Sharayaah and released him at a later time. At 18:15, the Israeli army detained at the D.C.O. checkpoint (southern entrance to the city of Jericho) 1 military officer called Nabil Miqdad and released him at a later time.
BETHLEHEM	• Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate

- in the south-eastern area of the village.
- (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.
- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 23:25, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on al-Nashash junction (southern entrance to her city of Bethlehem, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids: At 17:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of al-Obaidiyyeh.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 20:30, a gang of settlers stoned civilian vehicles traveling on the main road near the village of Daar al-Zeer, and at once the Israeli army interfered and evacuated the settlers at 21:30.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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 traveling 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:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south 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

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- cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood 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 traveling 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) At 08:00 on 7 August 2008, the Israeli army re-opened the junction of Farsh Al Hawa north of Hebron city, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing. The Israeli army installed an iron gate instead of the dirt barricade. The Israeli army designated times for the daily opening the gate: 05:00 until 07:00 and 09:00 until 13:00.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the town of Halhoul overpass, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to al-Shuhada Street.

• Raids:

- (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched 1 civilian house, arrested 1 civilian, and then withdrew at 24:00.
- (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Awwa, searched a number of civilian houses, and arrested 1 civilian.

Arrests

- (i) The civilian arrested in the city of Hebron is Adham Maswadeh.
- (ii) The civilian arrested in the town of Beit Awwa is Mohammad Younis Sweiti.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- The Egyptian-brokered ceasefire agreement is holding. The ceasefire started at 06:00 on 19 June 2008, and included, *inter alia*, a complete cessation of all hostilities.
- The Israeli army violated the cease fire agreement and opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially opened (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases). Israeli Cease Fire Violation: At dawn on August 29, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards fishing boats in the area of al-Soudaniyyeh northwest of the town of Beit Lahia, arrested 4 civilians, and drowned 2 fishing boats. Arrests: The 4 civilians arrested in Beit Lahia are: (a) Mohammad Issa Saadallah; (b) Ahmad Farid Saadallah; (c) Mohammad Mohammad Saadallah; and (d) Jihan Sultan.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed after firing a mortar towards the Green Line. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed after firing a mortar towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed after firing a mortar towards the Green Line. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.

PRISONERS CONDITIONS

• The family of prisoner Mahmoud Said Jaradat who is imprisoned in Jalboa detention camp and who has spent 20 years in jail, appealed to the Red Cross to let the Israeli prison administration allow for Mahmoud to have an operation in his leg.