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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 03 July 2007 – 08:00 04 July 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	_	2	1 child & 1 civilian, Bethlehem & Hebron
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Civilians beaten at a checkpoint, Salfit
Attacks	4	1	5	All during raids into Pal. residential areas
Raids	21	1	22	Incl. 6 in Jenin and 4 in Nablus
Arrests (per person)	21*		21	Incl. an unidentified number of medics
Detentions	17		17	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	1		1	180 dunums in Al Jib village, Jerusalem
Wall Construction	25		25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3		3	House furniture, vehicles, & crops
Attack on Property	1		1	Excavations carried out in Jerusalem
Confiscation of Property	1		1	Computers from a medical centre
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	15		15	Incl. permits required at 2 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16		16	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. 3 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	38		38	Incl. Jenin (1), Salfit (3), & Jericho (1)
Closure of Crossing Points		7	7	Incl. fuel and food supplies allowed
Medical Obstruction	1		1	Medical centre raided & medics arrested
Attack on Religious Sites	3		3	3 mosques raided & searched in Hebron
Settler Violence	2		2	Incl. civilian's access to their land denied
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3		3	Incl. taking position near a Police station
Palestinian Attacks	1	6	7	Incl. 16 mortars fired towards Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1		1	An Israeli settler handed over, Tulkarem
TOTAL	186	15	201	

DISTRICT	EVENT

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. 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:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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.
- <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 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and served summons to a number of university students to the report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

	 Attack on Property: The Israeli authorities began excavations in search of archaeological artefacts in an area west Dahiyat Beit Hanina in the city of Jerusalem. Medical Obstruction/Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army raided As Salam Medical Centre, belonging to Dr. Ibrahim Abu 'Assab, in Ras al 'Amud neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also confiscated computers, arrested medics, and took them to an Israeli interrogation centre in the settlement of Tal Buyout. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Nayef Farhoud in the town of 'Anata. The Israeli army arrested an unidentified number of medics at As Salam Medical Centre in the city of Jerusalem. The names of the arrested medics are also unknown. Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: The Israeli army levelled 180 dunums (44.478 acres) of agricultural land in the village of Al Jib along the settler bypass road near the settlement of Giv'at Ze'ev.
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 western entrance to the village of Saffa. The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and impeded civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kharbatha al Misbah and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:10. Raids/Attack: At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Atara and searched 1 house. At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh. While searching a house, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. The Israeli army also served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli army Intelligence agency and withdrew at 04:15. At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mahran Raja Sneif in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid.
JENIN	Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour roads 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Far'a and Al Badhan and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Zububa and prevented civilians from leaving the village.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack:

- (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and patrolled the area surrounding the Palestinian General Intelligence Headquarters. The Israeli army also took position in front of the city's Palestinian Police station and demanded that Palestinian Police officers leave the station and hand over their weapons. However, Palestinian Police officers rejected the Israeli army's demand. At 04:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, searched a number of houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 06:30.
- (iv) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between the town of 'Arraba and the village of Fahma.
- (v) The Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the village of Zububa and opened fire, while patrolling the area.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Hisham Mousa Nawahdhah, a civilian resident of the town of Al Yamun, inside the Green Line, claiming that he did not possess an access permit.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Rizq Fadhel Nazzal in the town of Qabatiya.

TULKAREM

• <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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

(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 to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish.

- (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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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.
- Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. The Israeli army also took position at the entrance to the *Al Muqata'a* (the complex of Palestinian security agencies) and demanded that Palestinian security guards hand over a Palestinian security officer. At 06:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp:
- (i) Muhannad Ribhi Badran, 17 years old;
- (ii) Yousef Shteiwi: and
- (iii) Mohammed at Taneeb.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 23:30, Palestinian security forces handed over Shughast, an Israeli settler apprehended in the city of Tulkarem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- <u>Closure of Roads</u>: 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:

- (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.

Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:30, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 20:30.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a Palestinian National Security officer.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Jit arrested Nael Shahir Kharyoush, a Palestinian National Security officer.

QALQILIYA

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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/Destruction of Property</u>: 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. 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 08:00, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint and denied civilian access, thereby forcing civilians to take unpaved detour roads. Additionally, Israeli troops pursued civilian vehicles, held their keys, and punctured the vehicles. At 19:40, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint. In the presented Israeli male soldiers, Israeli female soldiers searched Palestinian women in a special room, after forcing them to strip.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of As Sayrafi (the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Detentions/Attack/House Occupation/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.
- (ii) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the neighbourhood of the 'popular residential compound' east of the city of Nablus and searched 1 house, after detaining residents outside.

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	 (iii) At 03:15, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp as well as opened indiscriminate fire, while searching a number of houses. The Israeli army also occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, damaged its furniture, and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child. In the city of Nablus, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army jeep. At 05:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: (i) Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint arrested Ala' Kamal Wahdan. The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus: (ii) 'Adnan 'Anan Khashaneh, 16 years old; (iii) Munther Ali al Kakhan; (iv) Ala' ad Din Kamal Kalbouneh; (v) Marwan Abdul Razzaq Breik; and (vi) Hassan 'Anabtawi.
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 <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). 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/Physical Assaults: 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 impede civilian access. At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint prevented civilian residents of the districts of Jenin, Nablus, and Tulkarem who are between 16 and 35 years of age from crossing. Israeli troops also beat a number of civilians. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Ahmed Saleem Shaheen.
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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.

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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. Raid: At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the Cremisan area in the city of Beit Jala. Settler Violence: At 09:00, an Israeli settler bus ran over and killed a civilian near the junction to the village of Um Salamuna. At 11:20, and under protection of Israeli troops, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement Efrat prevented civilians from accessing their land in the area of An Nahla in the vicinity of the village of Wadi Rahhal. Israeli settlers also detained a bulldozer belonging to a civilian. Killing: The Israeli settler bus ran over and killed Mahmoud Ibrahim Taqatqah.
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. 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. 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 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.
- Wall Construction: 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 Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 22:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attack/Attacks on Religious Sites:

- (i) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron as well as opened fire towards and killed a child in the area of 'Issa, allegedly for suspecting that he was carrying a rifle. The child was, in fact, playing with a plastic gun. In addition, the Israeli army searched 1 house in the area of Al Hawuz and arrested 1 civilian. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a number of houses as well as 3 mosques.
- (ii) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed 14-year-old Ahmed Abdul Muhsen Skafi in the area of 'Issa in the city of Hebron.
- Arrests: At 01:30 on 03 July 2007, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers, during its raid into the town of Idhna:
- (i) Ibrahim Hussein Abu As'ad;
- (ii) Mohammed Hussein Abu 'As'ad; and
- (iii) Iyad Mahmoud Hussein Ighbariyyeh.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Waseem Mohammed 'Amr in the area of Al Hawuz in the city of Hebron.

The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer in the town of Dura:

- (v) Mohammed Tu'meh ad Dawadeh; and
- (vi) Mohammed Abdul 'Aziz ar Rujoub.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination.
- Raid: At dawn on 04 July 2007, Israeli Special Forces troops infiltrated into Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli Special Forces troops and armed Palestinian individuals.

	 Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 13:00, 4 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 20:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. 	
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. However, the Crossing was opened to a number of trucks transporting food supplies. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for the transportation of fuel only.	
CENTRAL GAZA	 Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 13:00, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 17:00, 3 mortars were 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. However, the Crossing was opened to a number of trucks transporting food supplies. Palestinian Attacks: At 11:50, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 08:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. 	

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 9,355 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10. All these permit-holding workers reside inside the Green Line.
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