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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 13 July 2007 – 08:00 14 July 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	28	_	28	Incl. 25 political prisoners beaten, Nablus
Injuries	2	_	2	Incl. a French peace activist, Ramallah
Attacks	5	2	7	Incl. 2 in raids and 2 from military posts
Raids	7	1	8	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 3 in Nablus
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft
Arrests (per person)	6		6	Nablus (3), Bethlehem (1), & Hebron (2)
Detentions	14		14	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land east of the Rafah city
Destruction of Property	1	4	5	Incl. fire set to olive groves in Ramallah
House Occupations	_	3	3	Converted into military posts in Rafah
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. 2 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. 3 in Jerusalem & 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Incl. humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Palestinian Attacks	3	4	7	Incl. fire opened towards 3 checkpoints
Demonstrations	3	_	3	Against the Wall, Ramallah & Bethlehem
TOTAL	138	24	162	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up **ALL** on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district **DISTRICTS** and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Agsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to (i) 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 (ii) 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 (iii) barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya **JERUSALEM** checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. **Wall Gates:** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu (i) Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall (ii) gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Agbat, 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. **Closure of Main Roads: RAMALLAH**

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	 (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. • 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 civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • Demonstration/Attack/Injuries/Destruction of Property: At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians as well as 1 French peace activist with rubbercoated steel bullets. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. Due to the Israeli attack, fire was also set to olive groves.
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. 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kufeirit and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 12:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Bir al Basha and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Ein al Beida in the area of the Northern Jordan Valley. Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Al Jalama. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards the armed individuals and searched the area surrounding the checkpoint.
TULKAREM	 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 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. • 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) and to deny access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir al Ghusun and the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
QALQILIYA	 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: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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 levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00 on 13 July, and again at 07:00 on 14 July 2007, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Palestinian Attack: Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Jit. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards the armed individuals and closed the road that connects the districts of Qalqiliya and Nablus.
NABLUS	 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/Palestinian Attack</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 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and denied access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age. At 11:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access in both directions, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:00.

• Raids:

- (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Rujeib and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Qusin. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (iii) At 02:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.

• Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Hasan at Tavvem.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint arrested Usayd Jamu'ah Turkman.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Nidhal Abu Subeihah in the village of Rujeib.

• Closure of Main Roads:

SALFIT

- (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 *Intifada* (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: (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. At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Za'tara (ii) junction checkpoint and denied access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. 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. **JERICHO** 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. <u>Closure</u>: 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 suspended for the weekend 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. **BETHLEHEM** Flying Checkpoint: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Wadi an Nar road, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Arrest: At 20:05, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion arrested Ibrahim Mahmoud 'Ubayyat. **Demonstrations/Physical** Assaults/Detention: 11:00. At mass demonstration took place in the villages of Artas and Um Salamuna in protest against Wall construction. In Um Salamuna, Israeli troops beat civilian protestors and detained 1 civilian. **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city (i) of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement **HEBRON** 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:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 Checkpoint</u>: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Khalil Abdul Kareem al Furoukh, a civilian resident of the town of Sa'ir, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Isma'il Ghuneimat in the town of Surif.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. Palestinian Attack: On 13 July 2007, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Raid/Air Patrol/House Occupations/Attack/Land Levelling: Beginning at dawn on 13 July 2007, the Israeli army, covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, has remained positioned at Yasser 'Arafat International Airport and its surroundings east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army also occupied the roofs of a number of houses, converted them into military posts, and opened sporadic fire towards farmers, while they were attempting to access their groves. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. In addition, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land, damaged structures as well as main halls inside Yasser 'Arafat International Airport, and levelled roads therein. Palestinian Attacks: At 14:00, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 17:30, 4 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 <u>Abuse of Political Prisoners</u>: Israeli troops raided political prisoners' cells at Huwwara Detention and Interrogation Centre, severely beat 25 prisoners, and forced them to sleep on the ground in an outside yard.
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