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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 11 October 2006 - 08:00 12 October 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths		6	6	Incl. 5 civilians from the same family
Injuries	2	10	12	Incl. 2 civilians in critical condition
Incursion	_	1	1	Into areas east of the city of Rafah
Air Attacks	_	2	2	Incl. 1 missile fire by a UAV on a house
Attacks	4	6	10	Incl. 6 in raids and 3 from military posts
Raids	20	3	23	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Nablus
Air Patrols	_	2	2	1 by a UAV and 1 by a combat helicopter
Arrests	22	_	22	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	19	_	19	Incl. Palestinian Police officers in Hebron
Wall Construction	29	_	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	2	2	Incl. 1 house damaged in Northern Gaza
House Occupations	1	1	2	1 building (Nablus) & 1 house (N. Gaza)
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Tayasir, 'Einav, & Jubara partially
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem & Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	31	_	31	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem & 8 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Medical Obstruction	1		1	1 ambulance detained in Jenin RC
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	3	4	Incl. 1 Palestinian security post destroyed
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 2 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	1	1	2	Incl. 2 mortar-launching pads seized
TOTAL	164	45	209	

WEST BANK 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. ALL Beginning on the evening of 06 October 2006, the Israeli army has imposed **DISTRICTS** a complete closure on the West Bank districts and prevented civilians from entering the city of Jerusalem or crossing the Green Line, only allowing access to workers holding permits, due to the Jewish Festival of Sukkot. The closure will last until the evening of 15 October 2006. Closure: 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 Agsa Mosque compound. **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 the entrance to (iii) 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 (i) "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for **JERUSALEM** holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. At 14:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the (ii) checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' on a road leading from the city of Jerusalem to the city of Ramallah and arrested 1 civilian, after having located an explosive belt in his possession. **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

thorough searches using electronic devices.

Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to

<u>Wall Construction</u>: 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, 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.

• <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qalandiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Arrests:

- (i) On 06 October 2006, the Israeli army arrested Mu'ayyad Dawoud Thweib, a civilian resident of the town of Za'tara in the district of Bethlehem, while he was travelling to the city of Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' arrested an unidentified civilian.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.
- <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 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:

(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Beit Rima and the village of Um Safa and searched civilians and vehicles.

- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik and the other at the entrance to the village of Deir Ibzi', searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Turmus' ayya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) On the dawn of 11 October 2006, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the town of Silwad and arrested 2 civilians.
- (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Surda and searched 2 houses.
- (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and arrested 3 civilians.

• Arrests:

(i) At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the

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overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Ala' Nafez Ahmed, a Palestinian Police officer.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silwad:

- (ii) Ziyad Mousa Hamed; and
- (iii) Khaled Abdul Jawwad Hamed.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Deir Abu Mash'al:

- (iv) Ahmed Hasan Saleh;
- (v) Mohammed Abdul Lateef Matar; and
- (vi) Mohammed Dawoud Zahran.

• <u>Closure of Road</u>: 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.

- <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. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the towns of Qabatiya and Az Zababida and the other on the junction to the village of Al Mansura on the Jenin-Nablus main road, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Injuries/Medical Obstruction:

- (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 50 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in Jenin refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. Of those injured, Jihad Mahmoud Sayes sustained critical bullet wounds in the head. The Israeli army also searched 1 house, arrested 2 civilians, and detained 1 ambulance transporting a critically injured civilian to the city of Nablus. At 18:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area.
- Arrests: At 01:00 on 11 October 2006, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid on the town of Qabatiya, in addition to those reported yesterday:
- (i) Mohammed Saleh Kmeil; and
- (ii) Mohammed Isma'il Abu ar Rub.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Jenin refugee camp:

(iii) Abdul Kareem Muneer Abu Bakr; and

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	(iv) Nidhal Ya'qoub Nfei'at.
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, and the southern entrance to the village of Ramin. 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raids: At 12:00, Israeli Special Forces raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in the refugee camp. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 1 child in the city. At 03:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Samer Bilal 'Azem in the city of Tulkarem.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. 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. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to school students under 16 years of age unless they are accompanied by one of their parents. Wall Construction: 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Kedumim and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. Palestinian Security Measure: At 13:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan (ii) road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus, as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. **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. (iv) 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. **NABLUS** 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 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara (vi) checkpoint and denied access to civilian residents of other districts who were between 16 and 45 years of age. Raids/House Occupation/Attack/Palestinian Attack: At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of Balata, 'Askar, and 'Ein Beit el Ma', occupied 1 building, and converted it into a military post. In the city of Nablus, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. Armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army jeep. In addition, the Israeli army searched a number of houses, arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child, and withdrew at **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Nablus and its refugee camps: Dhiya' Mahdi al Bustami, 15 years old; (i) 'Ahed Abdul Raheem al Qatouni; and (ii) Mohammed al Bweili. (iii) **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western (i) 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 (ii) SALFIT entrances to the town of Bruqin and 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 (i) 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 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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 14:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Kifl Haris in order to accompany as well as provide protection to 2 Israeli settler vehicles, while they were visiting the Shrine of Prophet Thu al Kifl in the town. At 14:45, the Israeli army and settlers withdrew from the area.
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 close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho IDs. At 18:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and denied civilian access, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem- and Jericho-issued IDs to cross. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested 'Afeef 'Adnan Dawoud, a civilian resident of the city of Qalqiliya, while he was travelling to Saudi Arabia to perform <i>Umrah</i> (visit or "minor pilgrimage" to the Holy Shrines in the city of Mecca).
ВЕТНІЕНЕМ	 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Wadi al Laban road that branches off from Wadi an Nar road. 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.

• Raid: At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested 1 civilian.

• Arrests:

- (i) On 11 October 2006, the Israeli army arrested Wisam Basem 'Ilayyan, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence in the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Khaled Mahmoud Taqatqah in the town of Beit Fajjar.

• Closure:

- (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.
- (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 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; and the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun. The Israeli army also 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.
- Wall Construction: 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.

• Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Detention:

- (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village Beit 'Einun, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and denied civilian access until 14:30.
- (iii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops

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- positioned at the flying checkpoint also detained until 15:00 1 vehicle belonging to the Palestinian Police forces as well as the Palestinian Police officers on board the vehicle.
- (iv) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and denied civilian access until 21:55.

• Raids:

- (i) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 12 jeeps, raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.

• Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Beit 'Einun arrested Yousef Mohammed Ya'qoub.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Shakir Abu Kheizaran in Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Kamel Mohammed Kamel al 'Asser in the town of Dura.

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. 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.
- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.
- <u>Air Attack/Destruction of Property/Injuries</u>: At 00:30, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a house belonging to Mohammed Salah in Jabalya refugee camp, after the Israeli army had notified residents to evacuate. The Israeli army air attack resulted in the damage of the targeted house and the injury of 2 civilians.
- <u>Attacks</u>: Between 08:00 on 11 October 2006 and 08:00 on 12 October 2006, the Israeli army fired 14 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory west of An Nada residential towers as well as in the area of Al Waha north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. Of those fired, 3 artillery shells did not explode.

• Raids/House Occupation/Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

(i) Beginning at 01:30 on 11 October 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned on Palestinian territory north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also opened fire and fired 1 tank shell towards a number of farmers. At 18:20, the Israeli army, supported by 7 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, carried out an incursion into the area of Zindah northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya and destroyed 1 Palestinian National Security location.

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	 (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army, including a number of armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory near Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of the town of Jabalya. • Palestinian Attack: At 15:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 17:40, Palestinian security forces seized 2 handmade mortar-launching pads, located east of the town of Beit Lahiya.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Attack: On 10 October 2006, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations near Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing on the Green Line east of Gaza city towards and killed 1 civilian, while he was attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. At 01:00 on 11 October 2006, the Israeli army handed over the corpse of the killed civilian to an ambulance at Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing. Killing: The Israeli army killed Usamah Zaqqout near Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing east of Gaza city. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 01:50, the Israeli army demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian National Security forces evacuate their locations in the area near Points 70 and 75 on the Green Line east of Gaza city, allegedly due to suspicious movements in the area.
CENTRAL GAZA	Palestinian Attack: At 00:25, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	 Air Attack/Injuries: At 04:20, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 2 missiles towards the areas of Al Farahin and As Salatin east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira, killing 5 civilians from the same family, including a father and his son. The air attack also resulted in the injury of 8 civilians, including Mohammed Ramadhan Barakah who was in critical condition. Killings: The Israeli air force killed 5 civilians east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira: Suhayab 'Adel Qdeih, a child, as well as his father 'Adel Zar'i Qdei; Abdul Rahman Qdeih; Salah Rashad Qdeih; and Nael Fawzi Qdeih. Raid/Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 8 armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira and opened intensive fire. The Israeli army also threatened (through the DCO) that it would open fire towards Palestinian National Security officers if they left their positions in the area near Points 160 and 235 on the Green Line. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open only to arrivals as well as to humanitarian cases departing to Egypt.

- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.
- Incursion: Beginning at 18:20 on 07 August 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah.