# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 17 October 2006 - 08:00 18 October 2006

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	2	_	2	2 "wanted individuals" in Nablus
Deaths	1	4	5	Jenin (1), Northern Gaza (2), & Rafah (2)
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 female civilian beaten in Hebron city
Injuries	5	1	6	Incl. 5 children in the district of Jenin
Incursion	_	1	1	Into areas east of the city of Rafah
Attacks	7	6	13	Incl. 6 in raids and 3 from military posts
Raids	29	5	34	Incl. 6 in Jenin & 4 in Northern Gaza
Air Patrols	3	2	5	Incl. troops dispatched by a helicopter
Arrests	16	_	16	Incl. 1 child & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	21	_	21	At checkpoints & in residential locales
House Demolitions	*	_	_	*Notices distributed to demolish 6 houses
Land Levelling	1	2	3	Incl. land at the entrance to 'Azzun town
Wall Construction	29	_	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Al Badhan checkpoint closed
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 4 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. 3 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	30		30	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
School Disruption	1	_	1	Premises of a faculty raided, Jerusalem
Settler Violence	1		1	Sand thrown at civilians, Hebron
Palestinian Attacks		2	2	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1		1	1 illegal motorcycle handed over
TOTAL	180	28	208	

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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	<ul> <li>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 Aqsa Mosque compound.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoint: 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.</li> <li>Wall Gates:</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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, 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 '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 'Bia and As Admim and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>The Israe</li></ol></li></ul>	

The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, raided the premises of the Da'wah and Qur'an Faculty at Al Quds University, and arrested 2

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	(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Biddu, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 university student.
	Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 university students in the town of Abu  Dis:
	(i) Hasan Shakarneh; and
	(ii) Muhannad 'Ilayyan.
	(iii) The Israeli army arrested Waseem 'Isa al Khadhour in the village of
	Biddu.
	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
RAMALLAH	Beit Sira.
& EL DIDEH	• Raids:
EL BIREH	(i) At 19:40, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of El
	Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and
	patrolled the area. At 24:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	(ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 16 jeeps, raided Al Am'ari refugee
	camp in the city of El Bireh, after having brought 2 political prisoners
	and forced them to re-enact an incident of a Palestinian attack that had
	taken place at an earlier time. The Israeli army also searched 2 houses and withdrew at 04:20.
	(iii) At 02:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr
	'Ein and patrolled the area until 02:55.
	(iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of
	Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 04:30.
	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.
	<u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of
TENITAL	the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley,
JENIN	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
	<ul> <li>checkpoint.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted</li> </ul>
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## • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Az Zababida and Qabatiya and denied civilian access.
- (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qabatiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

## • Raids/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions/Air Patrol:

- (i) Beginning at 02:30 on 17 October 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of Qabatiya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during the Israeli army killed 1 Palestinian National Security officer and injured 5 children, including 17-year-old 'Izz ad Din Mohammed Kmeil who was in critical condition. At 11:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 04:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the town for the second time and took position in several neighbourhoods as well as at the town's entrances. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and detained dozens of civilians between 16 and 50 years of age. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area of 08:00 this morning.
- (ii) At 11:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed the area of Al 'Aqaba between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba.
- (iii) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and patrolled the area until 14:15.
- (iv) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin.
- (v) The Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Hani Mahmoud as Samadi, a Palestinian National Security officer, 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: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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 22:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.

- (ii) At 03:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tulkarem refugee camp on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 01:15, the Israeli army fired intensive fire and fired flares near the Wall in the vicinity of the village of Ar Ras. The Israeli army also combed the area.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 09:05, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 10:25.
- (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem.
- (iii) At 22:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Shufa and patrolled the area.
- <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 00:55, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the area between the towns of Bal'a and the Kafr Rumman.
- <u>House Demolitions</u>: On 16 October 2006, the Israeli army distributed notices to demolish 6 houses in the village of Far'un, claiming that they were built without the required licenses. The Israeli army also demanded that owners of the affected houses appear at the military court in Beit II military post near the city of Ramallah on 19 October 2006.
- <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

## • 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. 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.
- <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/Land Levelling:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also levelled land at the entrance to the town.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints and searched civilians and vehicles at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya as well as at the entrances to the town of Jayyus and the village of An Nabi Elyas.
- <u>Arrest</u>: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested 14-year-old Rami Sameeh Abu Haniyyeh at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun, claiming that he had thrown stones at Israeli troops.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal motorcycle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

## **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 Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus, as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.
- <u>Checkpoints</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.
- (ii) Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades.
- (iii) Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern 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.
- (v) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Qabalan on the Nablus-Ramallah main road and searched civilians and vehicles.

## • Raids/Attacks/Detention:

- (i) At 16:30, Israeli Special Forces raided 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp and extra-judicially killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals (described by the Israeli authorities as "wanted individuals"). At 17:15, the Israeli Special Forces withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Iba, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians (brothers).
- (iii) At 04:20, the Israeli army, including 23 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus. While surrounding and searching 1 building as well as detaining residents, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and arrested 2 civilians. At 08:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Assassinations</u>: Israeli Special Forces extra-judicially killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals in 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp:
- (i) 'Adel Fawzi Abu ar Reesh; and
- (ii) Firas Bassam Abu ar Reesh.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Iba:
- (i) Khaled Ramadhan Isma'il: and
- (ii) Mohammed Ramadhan Isma'il.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus:

- (iii) Ihab Qirqesh; and
- (iv) Fu'ad Rawhi Soufan.

## **SALFIT**

## • Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western

## **NABLUS**

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	entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).  (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western 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:  (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.  (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: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the city of Salfit to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:15.  • Raids/Detentions:  (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin.  (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 10 taxis until 19:00.
JERICHO	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and prevented civilians from exiting the city, only allowing holders of Jericho- and Jerusalem-issued IDs. In addition, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja prevented civilians from entering the village, only allowing access to holders of Jericho-issued IDs.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
BETHLEHEM	• <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 (i) 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 (ii) 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.

#### **Raids:**

- At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (i)
- At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (ii) cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur.
- Air Patrol: At 13:00, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Bethlehem until 16:00.

#### **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 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 (ii) 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 (i) 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.
- In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to (ii) 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 Targumiya checkpoint terminal; the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of

#### **HEBRON**

Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin; and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

• Flying Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction. Confrontations took place between Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint and civilians. Israeli troops also arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer while he was crossing the checkpoint.

## • Raids/Physical Assault:

- (i) At 11:50, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint on 'Ein Sarah Street, and denied civilian access in both directions. The Israeli army also raided and searched the offices of Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC) members in the city of Hebron and arrested the director of the PLC members' offices. In addition, the Israeli army beat Sawsan Dawoud Turki, a female civilian, leaving her with contusions. Turki was transported to Hebron Public Hospital for medical treatment.
- (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 3 civilians.
- (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 university student.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Fawwar junction arrested Bassam Hammad Darabee'.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Hamdi Shabaneh in the city of Hebron.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Dura:

- (iii) Mohammed Mahmoud ar Rjoub;
- (iv) 'Ayed Jamal 'Awawdeh; and
- (v) Nour Sa'di ar Rjoub.
- (vi) The Israeli army arrested Ali Abdullah Khallawi in the town of Idhna.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kharsa:

- (vii) Mohammed Ibrahim Talahmeh; and
- (viii) Ahmed Mohammed Tbeish.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: A group of Israeli settlers threw sand at civilians on Shalala Street 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. 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	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.</li> <li>Raids/Attacks/Injury/Land Levelling: <ol> <li>At 12:10, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory and took position on Tallet Abu Safiya east of the town of Jabalya and opened fire towards civilian houses. At 22:40, the Israeli army, supported by several other armoured vehicles, carried out an incursion into the area near the Eastern Road, Hammoudeh roundabout, and Zammu junction east of the town of Jabalya. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire, killing 2 civilians and critically injuring Mohammed Abu Sal'ah. In addition, the Israeli army levelled land.</li> <li>At 15:15, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory near Point 55 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun and levelled land to erect a dirt barricade.</li> <li>At 16:45, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory and took position at a distance of 400 metres from the Eastern Road east of the town of Jabalya.</li> <li>At 22:20, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory near Point 47 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> <li>Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians east of the town of Jabalya:</li> <li>Zaher Sa'eed at Tannani; and</li> <li>Ghazi Abu Dahrouj.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 15:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
GAZA	• Raid/Land Levelling: At 10:00, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory near Point 76 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and withdrew at 10:15.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Attack</u> : At 04:00, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>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. At 03:25, the Israeli army began carrying out an incursion into Salah ad Din main road as well as the area surrounding Rafah Crossing.</li> </ul>

The Israeli army also carried out an incursion into As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and opened intensive fire, killing 2 civilians. At 07:30, the Israeli army withdrew from As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and took position along Salah ad Din main road and east of Rafah Crossing. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

- <u>Killings</u>: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp:
- (i) Ashraf al 'Ashi; and
- (ii) Mohammed Abu 'Arar.
- Attack/Air Patrol: At 19:55, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory in the area extending from the vicinity of Zu'rub neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp to Salah ad Din gate on the Egyptian border.
- Expulsion: At 16:45, the Israeli army demanded (by telephone) that Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Libdeh evacuate his house in Al Juneina neighbourhood in the city of Rafah in order for them to shell it.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 13:00, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.