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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 01 September 2006 – 08:00 02 September 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths		3	3	Incl. a father and his son in Northern Gaza
Injuries	10	9	19	Incl. 2 female children & 1 journalist
Incursion	_	1	1	Areas east of the city of Rafah
Attacks	6	12	18	Incl. 8 in raids & 7 from military posts
Raids	18	1	19	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 4 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Combat helicopters over Northern Gaza
Arrests	3	_	3	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	1 Pal. security officer's military uniform
House Occupations	_	2	2	Roofs of houses occupied in Beit Hanun
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. 'Atara, Tayasir & 'Einav partially
Flying Checkpoints	6	_	6	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. An Nu'man village in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem & 10 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun & Sufa partially
Medical Obstruction	_	1	1	Ambulances denied access, N. Gaza
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. taking position near a Police HQ
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	1 explosive device detonated, Tulkarem
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against Wall construction in Bil'in
TOTAL	118	39	157	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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 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 Al Aqsa Mosque compound, impeding civilian access to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers.

• 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 barbed wire and deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the town of Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area.
- (iv) 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.
- <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.

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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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 Oatanna.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the village of Hizma and the other near the junction to the settlement of Mishur Adumim on the Jerusalem-Jericho main road, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil and the road connecting Dahiyat al Mu'allimin to Al Jalazun refugee camp.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Saffa as well as the Ramallah-Jericho road (the segment between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud).
- <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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 23:10, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to the settlement of Halamish fired flares over the area surrounding the settlement.

• Raids/Injuries:

(i) At 10:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area.

(ii) At 20:40, an Israeli army patrol raided Al Jalazun refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including 1 child.

- (iii) At 24:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of 'Arura and patrolled the area.
- (iv) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and surrounded as well as searched 2 houses. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and served summons to 1 member of the Palestinian Presidential Guard to report to the Israeli Intelligence as well as to 3 civilians, including 1 female civilian holding American nationality.

Arrests:

- (i) On the evening of 01 September 2006, the Israeli army arrested Ra'fat as Sar'awi, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence at 'Ofar military camp.
- (ii) At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested 'Ammar Abdul Qader Abdul Fattah, a Palestinian National Security officer.
- <u>Demonstration/Injuries</u>: 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 fired metal bullets that cause severe pain when they hit the human body, which resulted in the injury of 8 civilians, including 1 child and 1 journalist.

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• <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.

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- 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. The Israeli army also continues to operate a surveillance camera in order to observe the area surrounding the checkpoint.
- Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- Flying Checkpoint/Detention/Confiscation of Property: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Arraba and the village of Fahma, detained Mohammed Fayez ash Sheikh Ibrahim, a Palestinian security officer, confiscated his military uniform, and released him at 12:30.

Raids/Attacks:

- (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, opened fire, and fired sound grenades, while it was patrolling the area in the refugee camp. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr (ii) Dan and opened indiscriminate fire while it was patrolling the area. At 01:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

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 following roads: the Dahiyat Dhinnaba- Kafr al Labad road; the Kafr al Labad-Shufa road; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road; and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur.

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.
- Raid/Detentions: At 18:45, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 10 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer, detained 3 civilians, and released them at a later time. At 19:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hasan Ibrahim 'Ofeh, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, in Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem.
- Palestinian Security Measure: At 10:15, Palestinian security forces located an explosive device weighing 20 kg near the Palestinian Police station in

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	DCO, the Engineering Unit affiliated with the Palestinian Police forces defused the explosive device.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Hajja and Kafr Qaddum. 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 denied access to school students under 16 years of age unless they were accompanied by one of their parents. 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 Thuth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints/Detention: At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained dozens of
	civilians for a long period of time. • Raid: At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided and patrolled the
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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. 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 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 Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades. Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00. 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. Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. Raid: At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the
	city of Nablus.

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 Intifada (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the towns of Bruqin and Deir Istiya and to 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 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 deny access to civilians under 35 years of age. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. Attack: At 19:40, the Israeli army fired flares over the village of Marda. 				
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. Checkpoint: 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. The Israeli army has also consolidated the checkpoint by setting up watchtowers and placing additional cement blocks around it. 				
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. 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 was suspended for the weekend 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 16:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp. At 23:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. At 06:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur and patrolled the area. 				

• 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; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; Al Baq'a junction south of the town of Beit 'Awwa; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. The Israeli army 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend: 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.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, took position near the offices of the Palestinian Police Headquarters, and patrolled the area. At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Nimra, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.

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 and imposed a sea blockade that has prevented Palestinian fishing boats from sailing. Beginning on 28 June

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	2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Raid/Attacks/Injuries/Medical Obstruction/House Occupation: At 03:50, Israeli Special Forces, supported by a number of armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. Israeli armoured vehicles and combat helicopters opened intensive fire and fired tank shells towards civilian houses, killing 2 civilians (a father and his son) and injuring 9 other civilians, including 2 female children. The Israeli army also prevented ambulances from accessing the area to evacuate the killed and injured civilians, occupied the roofs of a number of houses, and converted them into military posts. In addition, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals on agricultural land east of the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians east of the town of Beit Hanun: Isma'il Abu 'Odeh; and his son Mohammed Isma'il Abu 'Odeh. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 03:30, the Israeli army demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not move while carrying weapons in Al Massriyin neighbourhood east of the town of Beit Hanun.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attacks/Injury: At 15:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 122 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. At 18:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 129 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. At 06:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 115 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. Palestinian Attack: At 16:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attacks: At 21:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 164 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira. At 07:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 158 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira and killed an unidentified civilian, claiming that he attempted to gain access into areas inside the Green Line.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.

- (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.
- (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open. The Israeli army allowed 105 trucks transporting food supplies to cross.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.
- <u>Incursion</u>: Beginning at 18:20 on 07 August 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in and around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- Attacks:
- (i) At 13:10, and again at 21:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport towards Rafah Crossing.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS

- <u>Administrative Detention</u>: The Israeli authorities extended the administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against Hamzeh Mohammed al 'Azeezi, a civilian resident of the city of Nablus, for the 6th consecutive time.
- <u>Physical Assaults</u>: Israeli troops beat and verbally assaulted 2 detainees held in Huwwara Interrogation and Detention Centre.