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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 September 2007 – 08:00 08 September 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A child beaten in Ramallah
Attacks	1	1	2	1 in a raid and 1 from a military post
Raids	14	1	15	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By helicopters & reconnaissance aircraft
Arrests (per person)	3	2	5	Incl. 2 armed Palestinian individuals
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 4 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	36	_	36	Incl. 5 in Tulkarm & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Humanitarian cases and fuel allowed
Settler Violence	1		1	A civilian severely beaten in Jenin
Palestinian Attacks	_	2	2	Incl. fire opened towards Israeli troops
TOTAL	107	15	122	

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 the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and
prevented civilians from accessing the 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 a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.

Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction 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, 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 13:50, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints: one on the junction to the area of Al Khan al Ahmar and the other at the entrance to the village of Hizma, searched civilians and vehicles.

JERUSALEM

	 Raids: (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Abu Dis. (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalandiya refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. Checkpoint: 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Detentions/Physical Assault: At 16:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, raided a commercial shop, and detained Ayan Sameer Abu Kweik, 17 years old. Having beaten him, the Israeli army released Abu Kweik at a later time. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army detained 3 civilians and released them at a later time.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road 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 Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to the area of Wadi at Tut, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

	 (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Aqqaba and Misliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack: (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, patrolled the area, opened fire, and fired sound grenades. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida arrested an unidentified civilian. • Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Rotem in the Northern Jordan Valley severely beat Ahmed Ali Zuhdi, while he was tending sheep near the settlement.
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's plain; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. 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). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
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. Raids: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 02:00.

	• 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
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	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.
	• Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing
	checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
	(i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed
	on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all
D	other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.
NABLUS	(ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit
	Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
	(iii) 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.
	• Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on
	the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and searched civilians and
	vehicles.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.
	(ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and arrested 1
	civilian.
	• Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Bashar Husam Thiyab in the village of
	Kafr Qalil.
	Closure of Main Roads:
	(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 <i>Intifada</i> (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.
SALFIT	• 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 impede civilian access.
	• 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.

	• Flying Checkpoint: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Salfit and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:30.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja. Raids: At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and arrested 1 civilian. At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Murad Hussein Shokah in the city of Bethlehem.
HEBRON	• 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. 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Sussia and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raid:** At 15:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 13:15, armed Palestinian individuals opened towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line east of the Eastern Cemetery east of the town of Jabalya. Consequently, the Israeli troops opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory.
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.
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 is closed Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Raid/Air Patrols: In the evening on 06 September 2007, Israeli Special Forces troops, disguised in a civilian vehicle, raided Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah and arrested 2 armed Palestinian individuals. Later, Israeli combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area. Arrests: Israeli Special Forces troops arrested 2 armed Palestinian individuals east of the city of Rafah: Mhawesh al Qadhi; and Saqer Abdul 'Aal. Palestinian Attack: At 22:15, 5 mortars were fired towards Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing on the Green Line. 		