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DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 September 2006 – 08:00 19 September 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	1	2	Incl. 1 female civilian at Rafah Crossing
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Incl. 1 civilian beaten at a checkpoint
Injuries	3	_	3	3 children in the district of Jenin
Incursion		1	1	Into areas east of the city of Rafah
Air Attack	_	1	1	Missiles fired by F16 aircraft on Rafah
Attacks	2	8	10	Incl. 67 artillery shells fired, Gaza Strip
Raids	23	3	26	Incl. 5 in Nablus & 3 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols		6	6	F16 aircraft over the Gaza Strip districts
Arrests	17	_	17	Incl. a civilian and his 3 sons, Jenin
Detentions	19	_	19	Incl. 5 Palestinian security officers
House Demolition		1	1	A 2-storey house in the city of Rafah
Land Levelling		1	1	East of 'Abasan as Saghira, Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	29	_	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Tayasir, 'Einav, & Jubara partially
Flying Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. Jenin (3), Nablus (1) & Hebron (3)
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem & Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	36	_	36	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 2 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	1	_	1	An 87-year-old civilian severely beaten
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3	2	5	Incl. Ministry of Interior raided, Jerusalem
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. fire opened towards Beit Il settlement
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	1 illegal vehicle handed over, Qalqiliya
TOTAL	163	34	197	

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 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.

• 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 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:

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- (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 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.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya, raided the building housing the Palestinian Ministry of Interior as well as the Palestinian Police station, and demanded that Palestinian Police officers not be present in the station.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna, searched 2 houses, and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence.

Closure of Main Roads: (i) 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 area (ii) between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud on the Ramallah-Jericho road as well as the western entrance to the village of Saffa. 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 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 RAMALLAH 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 **EL BIREH** Beit Sira. Raids: At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Beit Rima (i) and Deir Ghassana. At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (ii) city of El Bireh. Arrest: At 03:30 on 18 September 2006, the Israeli army arrested Basel Nash'at Hjeiji during its raid on the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. Palestinian Attack: At 22:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Beit II. Consequently, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Al Jalazun refugee camp and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the refugee camp. 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. **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. **JENIN** Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: in the areas between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Al Kufeir; between the town of Meithalun and the village of Siris; and between the villages of Sanur and Al Jarba. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Injuries: (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 children. At 19:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the village of (ii)

	Sanur. An armed confrontation took place between an armed Palestinian individual and the Israeli army while it was searching 1 house, which resulted in the killing of the armed individual by the Israeli army. The Israeli army also arrested 5 civilians, including a father and his 3 sons. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Nabeel 'Aref Hanani in the village of Sanur. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the village of Sanur: (i) Abdul Qader Kamel Zaqzouq; (ii) Ramzi Abdul Lateef Wilid Ali; and his 3 sons (iii) Mutee' Ramzi Wilid Ali; (iv) Mohammed Ramzi Wilid Ali; and (v) Mu'awiyah Ramzi Wilid Ali.
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 following roads: the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the Dahiyat Dhinnaba-Kafr al Labad road; the Kafr al Labad-Shufa road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain; and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Masqufa. 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: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 'Ayed Fawzi 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 2 civilians.
- (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian. After an explosive device exploded near Habla tunnel at the eastern to the city of Qalqiliya, the Israeli army raided the city again at 03:25 and combed the area surrounding the tunnel.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Azzun:
- (i) Firas Nizar az Zamari; and
- (ii) Rami Ghassan Radhwan.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Basel Sa'sa' in the city of Qalqiliya.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 09:00, 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:

- (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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Till and Sarra, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Askar refugee camps and searched a number of houses. In 'Askar refugee camp, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Osarin and arrested 2 civilians.

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	• Arrests:
	(i) At 15:40, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Ahmed al Qaddoumi, a Palestinian National Security officer.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hussein 'Amer in the city of
	Nablus.
	(iii) The Israeli army arrested Bara' Mohammed Abu Ja'far in 'Askar refugee camp.
	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Osarin:
	(iv) Saleem 'Eid 'Azazmeh; and
	(v) Haytham 'Abbas 'Udeili.
	• <u>Detentions/Physical Assault</u> :
	(i) At 13:35, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained
	Wajeeh Darweesh, the village of Beita's school principal.
	(ii) At 15:10, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Furik checkpoint detained and beat Suhayb Hussam Hanani.
	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
	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.
SALFIT	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara
SALITI	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 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in
	the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Marda on the
	Trans-Samaria Highway and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• <u>Detentions</u> : At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction
	checkpoint detained 5 Palestinian National Security officers. After liaison with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released the
	detained officers at 20:00.
	• 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
JERICHO	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. Raid: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and patrolled the area until 00:45.
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 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/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 09:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala, halted 1 Palestinian security patrol, and examined the ID card of a Palestinian security officer. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time. At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Ash Shawawra and arrested 2 civilians. At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 03:00. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Ash Shawawra: Nidhal Mahmoud Rabay'ah; and Ala' Mohammed Salem.
HEBRON	 Closure: 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. 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: 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; 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.
- 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.
- <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/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and forced 1 Palestinian Police vehicle to stop.
- (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a checkpoint in front of the town's public hospital, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- <u>Settler Violence/Physical Assault</u>: At 17:40, a group of Israeli settlers from
 the settlement of Sussia southeast of the town of Yatta severely beat 87year-old Khalil Mohammed an Nawaj'ah, leaving him with contusions. An
 Nawaj'ah was transported to the public hospital in the town of Yatta for
 medical treatment.

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. At 14:50, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the Gaza Strip districts.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Attacks: Between 08:00 on 18 September 2006 and 08:00 on 19 September 2006, the Israeli army fired 57 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory: 22 artillery shells landed near

	Point 61 east of the town of Jabalya and 35 shells landed on a playground in Al Qarya al Badawiya as well as north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Raid: At 10:10, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, raided 400 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 54 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. • Palestinian Attack: At 20:20, 5 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attack: At 18:35, 5 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Attack</u> : At 09:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 123 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 12:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 147 on the Green Line towards 2 Palestinian National Security locations east of the area of Al Qarara. At 22:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location near Kessufim gate on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. Raids/Land Levelling: At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Points 164 and 167 on the Green Line east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira, levelled land, and withdrew at 17:20. At 16:40, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Points 180 and 188 on the Green Line east of the area of Khuza'a. Palestinian Attack: At 07:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
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. Death: At 22:45, Ghafrah Mohammed al 'Arja, a female civilian, died as a result of prolonged waiting on the Egyptian side of Rafah Crossing. 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. The Israeli army also remains positioned around the Airport as of 08:00 this morning. Air Attack: At 23:45, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles towards and destroyed a 2-storey house in the city of Rafah at a distance of 200 metres

- east of Rafah Crossing, claiming that a tunnel was dug underneath the house. The Israeli army had notified residents (by telephone) to evacuate.
- <u>House Demolition</u>: The house that was destroyed during the Israeli air attack on the city of Rafah belongs of Msallam Abu Jarad.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 19:35, the Israeli army fired 10 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Rafah Crossing east of the city of Rafah.