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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 August 2006 – 08:00 01 September 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Incursion	—	1	1	Areas east of the city of Rafah
Attacks	3	5	8	Incl. 2 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	21	2	23	Incl. 11 in Ramallah & 5 in Hebron
Air Patrols	3	5	8	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	16	—	16	Incl. 2 children & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	17	—	17	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Al Farahin area east of Khan Yunis city
Wall Construction	29	—	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 'Atara, Tayasir & 'Einav partially
Flying Checkpoints	6	—	6	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 1 in Salfit
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
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	1 mosque surrounded in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	1	5	6	Incl. 20 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	1	1 mortar-launching pad confiscated
TOTAL	153	27	180	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram. 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. 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. 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. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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).
- **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 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 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
 - (ii) At 22:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Abu Shukheidim and the village of Kobar and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids/Air Patrols:**
 - (i) On the dawn of 31 August 2006, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma and arrested 3 civilians.
 - (ii) At 08:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by an Israeli army combat helicopter, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and patrolled the area. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli troops and civilians.
 - (iii) At 20:40, Israeli army troops, dispatched by an Israeli combat helicopter, raided and combed the area between the towns of Bir Zeit and Abu Shukheidim.
 - (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of An Nabi Salih, Kafr 'Ein, and Qarawat Bani Zeid. In the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.
 - (v) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 18 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah.
 - (vi) At 02:40, Israeli army troops, dispatched by an Israeli combat helicopter, raided an area near the village of Surda and searched 1 park.
 - (vii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh.
 - (viii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
 - **Arrests:**
 - (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al arrested Akram Khaled Zahran.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Kafr Ni'ma:

 - (ii) Hasan Mohammed Khalil;
 - (iii) Mohammed Ibrahim Khadher; and

	<p>(iv) Na'im Ramadhan. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer in the village of Al Mughayyir:</p> <p>(v) Kifah Farez an Na'san, a Palestinian National Security officer; and</p> <p>(vi) Mohammed Ali Abu 'Ilayya.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Ya'bad, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 children. • Raid: At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the town of Ya'bad arrested 2 children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nour Abdul Kareem 'Atarah, 15 years old; and (ii) Hussni Tahseen Qneiri, 16 years old.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhannad Mohammed Jaber; and (ii) Tareq Mas'oud Jaber.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Hajja and Kafr Qaddum. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <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. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of 'Einabus. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya, searched 3 houses, and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sadeq Mohammed Sawalmeh; and (ii) Nasseer Jawabreh.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack/Attack:</u> At 04:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the military post on At Tur Mount south of the city of Nablus. Consequently, the Israeli army fired flares over the area.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Farkha and Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Rami Majed 'Awartani.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho as well as at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al Mu'arrajat on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • 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 Checkpoint: At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack on Religious Site/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched 1 house. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, surrounded a mosque in the area of Al Haras, and forced worshippers to exit the

	<p>mosque. The Israeli army also detained worshippers, examined their IDs, and recorded their names.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit ‘Awwa and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched 1 house. (iv) At 07:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Nuba and patrolled the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: At 13:20, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians (brothers) in the old city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hussein Falah an Natsheh; and (ii) Khamees Falah an Natsheh. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Yousef as Suweiti in the town of Beit ‘Awwa.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 2006, the Israeli army has also reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the eastern border of the district of Rafah. • At 10:30, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the Gaza Strip districts and dropped flyers, threatening that the Israeli army would continue to carry out incursions as well as close crossing points if armed Palestinian groups continue to fire mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • Attack: At 21:15, the Israeli army fired 3 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian near the area of Al Hawuz north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Raid: At 20:45, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Points 26 and 27 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. • Palestinian Attacks/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, 7 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar landed on a cattle barn on Palestinian territory, causing 12 cows to perish. (ii) At 06:20, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army fired artillery shells towards the area of Al ‘Atatira north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is closed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> (i) At 08:30, 8 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 4 mortars landed on Palestinian territory. (ii) At 10:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 23:15, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats opposite the beach of the city of Deir al Balah. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 08:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it landed on Palestinian territory. Consequently, Palestinian National Security forces confiscated the mortar-launching pad, after armed Palestinian individuals who fired the mortar fled.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory in the area of Al Farahin east of the city of Khan Yunis and levelled land near the Green Line.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open for the transportation of food supplies. (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 also opened sporadic fire towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • <u>Attack:</u> At 13:55, the Israeli army opened fire from its location around Yasser 'Arafat International Airport opened fire towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> After annulling all old work permits for crossing the Green Line, which were issued prior to the last closure, the Israeli authorities issued an unidentified number of new work permits. The number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is also unknown. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10. The holders of these permits were exceptionally allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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