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08:00 16 July 2006 - 08:00 17 July 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	4	5	Incl. 1 female civilian & 1 security officer
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer beaten
Injuries	1	22	23	Incl. 2 children & 1 ambulance driver
Incursions		2	2	In Northern Gaza and Rafah
Air Attacks	_	15	15	Incl. 8 by UAVs & 5 by helicopters
Attacks	3	17	20	Incl. 239 artillery shells fired
Raids	18	_	18	Incl. 6 in Nablus & 4 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	_	17	17	Incl. 2 by F16 aircrafts & 7 by helicopters
Deportation	1	_	1	1 Palestinian security officer to Gaza Strip
Arrests	15	1	16	Incl. 3 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolitions	_	2	2	2 houses in Beit Hanun town, N. Gaza
Wall Construction	32	_	32	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	5	6	Incl. 4 green houses & 1 vehicle destroyed
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	1 computer and files from a charity
Land Confiscation	2	_	2	Incl. 14.9 <i>dunums</i> in the Hebron district
House Occupations	1	1	2	Incl. several houses in Beit Hanun town
Curfew	1	_	1	Over Tulkarem refugee camp
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. Al Badhan checkpoint closed
Flying Checkpoints	21	_	21	Incl. 6 in Jerusalem & 8 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. An Nu'man village, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem & 7 in Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction		1	1	Fire opened towards 1 ambulance
Settler Violence	1		1	Civilians denied access to their land, Yatta
Provocation of Pal. Forces		2	2	Incl. shelling near 1 Pal. security location
Palestinian Attacks		10	10	23 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	172	106	278	

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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.

• <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 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 Dahiyat 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.

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 continues in 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	 (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Hanina and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Khan al Ahmar junction on the Jerusalem-Jericho main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the town of Ar Ram as well as the villages of Jaba' and Hizma and searched civilians and vehicles.
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 dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Silwad to 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 deny 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 Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the overpass to the town of Deir Dibwan and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ghassan Sa'eed an Na'san, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, in the village of Al Mughayyir.
JENIN	 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 Checkpoints: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 7 flying checkpoints: at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin; on As Suweitat junction east of the city of Jenin; at the entrances to the towns of 'Arraba and Az Zababida

	 as well as the village of Al Far'a; on the junction to the village of Al Jarba; and in the area between the town of Jaba' and the village of Sanur. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Al Yamun, set up a number of checkpoints on the town's internal road junctions, and searched civilians and vehicles, The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 02:30. Death: At 14:30, Mahmoud Hussam as Sa'di, a Palestinian National Security officer, died at a Jordanian hospital of injuries sustained on 06 July 2006 during an Israeli army raid on Jenin refugee camp, as was reported on 07 July 2006.
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 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 and to impede civilian access. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flving Checkpoint: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Nasser and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Curfew: At 03:15, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 8 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and imposed curfew over the refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 04:25. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed 'Awwad Ibrahim in Tulkarem refugee camp.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib.

Wall Gates:

- Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits.
- The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and injured 1 civilian, claiming that stones were thrown at Israeli settler vehicles. The Israeli army also forced owners of commercial shops along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road to close their shops and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the town of 'Azzun.
- Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a number of checkpoints on the city's internal road junctions, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus main road (i) 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 (ii) road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus.
- The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the city of (iii) Nablus to the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.
- 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 (i) entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. Access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem is denied.
- Al Badhan checkpoint (set up at the eastern entrance to the city of (ii) Nablus) remains closed with dirt barricades.
- Nablus-'Asira ash Shamaliya checkpoint (set up at the northern (iii) entrance to city) is open from 06:30 to 20:00.
- At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed (iv) 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 (v) Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- Flying Checkpoint/Detention/Physical Assault: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zawata, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained as well as severely beat Salah Suheil al

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the city of Nablus. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint released Al Massri at a later time.

Physical Assaults:

- (i) At 13:55, Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint east of the city of Nablus severely beat Ihab Ahmed Salahat, after which he was transported to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.
- At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint west of the (ii) city of Nablus beat Mohammed Qassem Mousa.

Raids/House Occupation:

- At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, Balata as well as (i) 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps, the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya, and the village of Kafr Qalil, occupied 1 building in the city of Nablus, and converted it into a military post. An armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army, during which armed Palestinian individuals injured a number of Israeli soldiers. In addition, the Israeli army searched a number of houses, arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus, and withdrew at 05:30.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Imrin and arrested 3 civilians.
- **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus:
- Raed Suheil Hanna; (i)
- (ii) Ayman Harees as Sayyed;
- Majdi Mahdi Fatayer; (iii)
- (iv) Hisham Ibrahim Janajreh; and
- Tamer Nimer al Liftawi. (v)

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Beit Imrin:

- Midhat Mahir Hassoun: (vi)
- Mohammed Kheiri Hassoun; and (vii)
- Sameh Shawqi al Faqeeh. (viii)

Closure of Main Roads:

Deportation: At 11:00 on 15 July 2006, the Israeli army deported to the Gaza Strip Hisham Ahmed as Sa'idi, a Palestinian National Security officer who was arrested in the city of Nablus on 26 March 2006.

(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 *Intifada* (Uprising).
- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western (ii) 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.
- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the south-(iii) eastern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.

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.

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	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. • 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 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles.
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-issued 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.
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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Beit Fajjar to the village of Marah Rabah. 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 north of 'Ayda refugee camp and northwest of the city of Beit Jala. Raids: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, the village of Dar Salah, and 'Ayda refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at a later time. At 01:45, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem, searched a number of houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Salah 'Isa Qassem in the city of Bethlehem.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (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: 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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Confiscation/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
- (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, raided the offices of 1 charitable association, confiscated 1 computer and a number of files, and damaged the association's contents. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

• Arrests/Physical Assault:

- (i) At 09:30, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp arrested Mahran Rashad Abu Joudeh, a Palestinian National Security officer.
- (ii) At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron arrested Mahmoud 'Umeir, after severely beating him.

The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer in the town of Adh Dhahiriya:

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- (iii) Mohammed Khalil Abu Sharkh, a Palestinian National Security officer; and
- (iv) Shareef Majed Abu Sharkh.

• Land Confiscation:

- (i) On 03 July 2006, the Israeli army issued Military Order # T/54/06 for the confiscation of 1.8 *dunums* of land belonging to the villages of Khirbet Zif and Khirbet Beiruq northeast of the town of Yatta for military purposes.
- (ii) On 03 July 2006, the Israeli army issued Military Order # T/55/06 for the confiscation of 14.9 *dunums* of land belonging to the village of Khirbet Beiruq northeast of the town of Yatta for military purposes.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sussia southeast of the town of Yatta prevented civilians from accessing their land near the settlement.

GAZA STRIP

Beginning on 25 June 2006, and following the capture of an Israeli soldier during the Palestinian attack on the Israeli army military post near Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing, the Israeli army has: reinforced the concentration of its armed forces along the northern and eastern borders of the district of Northern Gaza; carried out a limited **ALL** incursion into the eastern Rafah district beginning on 28 June 2006; **DISTRICTS** imposed a sea blockade that has prevented Palestinian fishing boats from sailing; and closed the Crossings into the Gaza Strip (at present, 1 is partially open). Beginning on the morning of 03 July 2006, the Israeli army expanded the scope of its incursion by invading areas located north and east of the town of Beit Hanun as well as north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals as well as critically-ill civilians. **Incursions/House Occupations/Destruction of Property:** Beginning at 07:00 on 03 July 2006, the Israeli army has continued to (i)

NORTHERN GAZA

Beginning at 07:00 on 03 July 2006, the Israeli army has continued to reinforce its presence on Palestinian territory north and east of the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army has also remained positioned in the areas surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone as well as the College of Agriculture and in the area of Abu Safiya. At 16:20, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. The Israeli army also carried out an incursion into Dimreh and Al Masriyin Streets in the town of Beit Hanun and opened intensive fire, injuring 5 civilians, including 2 children. In addition, the Israeli army occupied a number of houses, converted them into military posts, and arrested 1 civilian. Moreover, Israeli army bulldozers demolished 2 houses and destroyed 4 green houses. At 07:50, the Israeli army made another incursion into Al Madaris Street and opened

- intensive fire, killing 1 civilian and injuring 2 others. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- (ii) Beginning at 13:40 on 04 July 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned on Palestinian territory north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya as well as in the area of the debris of evacuated Israeli settlements (where the Israeli army has imposed a buffer zone through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks since 28 December 2005). The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Isma'il Mansour al Kafarneh in the town of Beit Hanun.
- <u>House Demolitions</u>: The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the town of Beit Hanun belonging to:
- (i) Isma'il Rateb al Massri; and
- (ii) Mohammed Ahmed Abu 'Odeh.

• Air Attacks/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 20:10 on 15 July 2006, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a civilian vehicle near Hammuda junction in the town of Beit Hanun. The missile missed the vehicle, but shrapnel injured 1 civilian passenger.
- (ii) At 04:05 on 16 July 2006, Israeli combat helicopters fired 4 missiles: 2 missiles towards As Sikka Street in the town of Beit Hanun; 1 missile near a complex of schools north of the town of Jabalya; and 1 missile towards the offices of an armed Palestinian group in the town of Jabalya.
- (iii) At 15:30, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a civilian vehicle travelling along As Sikka Street in the town of Beit Hanun.
- (iv) At 17:00, an Israeli UAV fired 2 missiles towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding the College of Agriculture in the town of Beit Hanun.
- (v) At 17:10, an Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards a gathering of civilians in the cemetery of the town of Beit Hanun.
- (vi) At 17:20, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a residential neighbourhood in the town of Beit Hanun.
- (vii) At 17:45, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a civilian vehicle travelling along Dimreh Street in the town of Beit Hanun, killing 2 civilians and destroying the vehicle.
- (viii) At 00:30, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a gathering of civilians in the town of Beit Hanun, injuring 1 civilian.
- (ix) At 00:40, an Israeli UAV fired 2 missiles towards a gathering of civilians in the town of Beit Hanun.
- (x) At 01:10, an Israeli UAV fired 3 missiles towards a location belonging to an armed Palestinian group in Jabalya refugee camp, vacant land in the area of Tall az Za'tar, and near 1 civilian house in Jabalya refugee camp. The latter missile did not explode.

• Killings:

(i) The Israeli army killed Mahmoud Abdul Mu'ti al Kafarneh in the town of Beit Hanun.

	The Israeli army killed 2 civilians on Dimreh Street in the town of Beit Hanun:
	(ii) Ali Mahir 'Atallah; and
	(iii) Abdul Lateef 'Ubeid.
	 Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Medical Obstruction:
	 (i) Between 09:00 on 16 July 2006 and 08:00 on 17 July 2006, the Israeli army fired 236 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area of Abu Hassira, near the American School, and behind the area of Al Hawuz north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya as well as near 1 Palestinian National Security location south of the town of Beit Hanun. Artillery shells landed on and damaged 2 civilian houses in the towns of Beit Hanun and Beit Lahiya, injuring 4 civilians as well as an unspecified number of other civilians. (ii) At 10:20, and again at 11:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on Palestinian territory towards the area surrounding the College of Agriculture in the town of Beit Hanun, critically injuring Majdi Abdul Dayem 'Abdeen.
	 (iii) At 12:30, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the area of As Sudaniya northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring 2 farmers. (iv) At 18:00, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards an ambulance in the town of Beit Hanun, injuring the ambulance driver.
	 Palestinian Attacks: At 09:10, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 13:10, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 20:10, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 20:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 20:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 21:50, 10 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. At 23:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 23:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 07:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Air Attack/Destruction of Property: At 01:30, an Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards the building housing the Palestinian Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the complex of Palestinian Ministries in Tall al Hawa neighbourhood in Gaza city, injuring 5 civilians and gravely damaging the building.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Palestinian Attack: At 23:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	• <u>Attack</u> : At 12:40, the Israeli army fired 3 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area of Al 'Umur east of the city of Khan Yunis.

• Closure of Crossing Points:

- (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.
- (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.
- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.
- <u>Incursion</u>: Beginning at 02:35 on 28 June 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned on Palestinian territory east of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

• Air Attacks:

- (i) At 04:00 on 16 July 2006, Israeli combat helicopters fired 7 missiles towards uninhabited areas in the areas of Ash Shoka and Zalata northeast of the city of Rafah.
- (ii) At 04:30 on 16 July 2006, Israeli combat helicopters fired 2 missiles towards the areas of Ash Shoka and Ad Dihniya east of the city of Rafah.

• Attacks/Destruction of Property/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards the area of Ad Dihniya east of the city of Rafah. Artillery shells hit 1 civilian house, killing 1 female civilian and damaging the house.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. At 10:50, and again at 13:40, and at 23:45, the Israeli army fired more artillery shells, forcing Palestinian National Security forces to evacuate 3 patrols from the area of the Airport.
- (iii) At 13:40, Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire towards Yasser 'Arafat International Airport.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed 65-year-old Fatima Jadallah in the area of Ad Dihniya east of the city of Rafah.

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