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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 August 2007 – 08:00 20 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	6	—	6	Incl. 3 civilians left with bone fractures
Injury	1	—	1	A Palestinian Police officer, Nablus
Attacks	4	2	6	Incl. 4 in raids and 1 from a military post
Raids	28	1	29	Incl. 5 in Tulkarem and 6 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	23	—	23	Incl. 4 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	19	—	19	Incl. 1 child and 2 Police officers
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. an electricity transformer damaged
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A Kalashnikov rifle in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 4 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	38	—	38	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. agricultural land set on fire, Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. a Police vehicle detained in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	Incl. fire opened towards Israeli troops
TOTAL	186	12	198	

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. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bared to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. 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. • Checkpoints: 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 Bared, 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 Qatanna. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Biddu and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: At 15:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Biddu and Beit Surik.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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 dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil and with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the settler bypass road connecting 'Assur Hill in the village of Kafr Malik to Alon settler bypass road. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to the village of Surda, searched civilians and vehicles, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 16:25. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junction to the villages of An Nabi Salih and Deir 'Ammar and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area until 04:20. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Atara, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 03:15, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and patrolled the area until 04:20. • <u>Physical Assaults:</u> At 13:50, Israeli troops positioned at a flying checkpoint set up on the Green Line in the western Ramallah district severely 3 civilians, while they were returning from their workplace inside the Green Line. These civilians are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahir Mustafa Kilani, who sustained bone fractures in the leg, hand, and ribs; (ii) Sameer Zuheir Sindyani, who sustained various bone fractures; and (iii) Shadi Tayseer Shafi'i, who sustained various contusions. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:15, the Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Ala' ad Din Farhoud at Tamimi near the settlement of Halamish, allegedly for locating a knife in his possession. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along the road to the village of Surda arrested Rami at Tarifi. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Jalal 'Amer Qadadhah in the town of 'Atara.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the town of 'Arraba as well as the villages of Az Zawiya, Al Kufeir, and Sir and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Yamun. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, patrolled the area, opened fire, and fired sound grenades. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arraba.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 plain; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the road to the town of Deir al Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:45. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and the town of Bal'a. (ii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the area between the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun. While combing the area, the Israeli army fired flares. (iii) At 02:55, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and arrested 3 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Mahmoud Nassar, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Fadi Matar Abu Samrah; (iii) Ahmed 'Abboudeh; and (iv) Firas Dhirar 'Isa.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <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. • 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Funduq, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:55, the Israeli army, including 7 armoured vehicles and 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (ii) At 03:05, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, arrested 3 civilians, and withdrew at 04:05. (iii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Al Funduq arrested Mahir Fat'hi Jum'ah, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Zaki Abdul Fattah; (iii) Hamzeh Abdul Kareem Dawoud; and (iv) Munther Ahmed Houtri. (v) The Israeli army arrested Lu'ay Mahmoud at Titi in the village of Jit. • Detention: At 21:00, the Israeli army detained a child near the entrance to the town of 'Azzun, claiming that he threw stones at Israeli settler vehicles. The Israeli army released the child at a later time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 21:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Gilead set fire to civilian agricultural land in the village of Jit. In addition, the Israeli Police forces impeded access to a Palestinian Civil Defence fire truck to extinguish the fire. Israeli Police officers also examined licences of the Palestinian fire truck and fined the driver NIS 250, claiming that he did not stop at a traffic stop sign.
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 the settler 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. • <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. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. (ii) 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. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) 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. • <u>Raids/Attack/Injury:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil. While searching a house, the Israeli army opened intensive fire, injuring a Palestinian Police officer. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians and 2 Palestinian Police officers, including the injured Police officer. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Zawata. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Kafr Qalil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shaher Khalil al Qinni, an injured Palestinian Police officer; (ii) Mazen Qasem Mansour, a Palestinian Police officer; (iii) Buraq Qasem Mansour; (iv) Khalil Ahmed Fat'hi; (v) Bashar Mansour; and (vi) Muhannad al Ashqar.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: At 09:20, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the road connecting the villages of Talluza and Al Badhan.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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 entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • Checkpoints: <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 impeded civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of Salfit and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00. • Raid: At 11:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Anwar Ahmed Ibrahim ash Sheikh, while he was returning from Jordan.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 continues 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, searched 2 commercial shops, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:30. • <u>Arrest:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Nassri 'Atwan Subeih in the town of Al Khadr. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Sameeh Rateb ad Dirbani in the city of Bethlehem.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 continues 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Physical Assaults/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Hawuz ath Thani, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a Palestinian Police vehicle along with 2 Palestinian Police officers, while accompanying a motorcade of the Governor of Hebron. The Israeli army also confiscated a Kalashnikov rifle from the Palestinian Police officers. At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the area of Ras al ‘Arudh in the town of Sa’ir and searched 1 house, damaging its furniture. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian, after having beaten him and his family members. In addition, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army opened fire, damaging an electricity transformer and cutting electricity off in the area. (iii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa’ and searched 1 house. (iv) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (v) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Hamzeh Abdullah Jaradat in the area of Ras al ‘Arudh in the town of Sa’ir. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Wassfi Abu Taha in the town of Dura.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. • <u>Raid:</u> At dawn on 20 August 2007, Israeli Special Forces raided the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing north of the town of Beit Hanun. An armed confrontation took place between Israeli Special Forces troops and armed Palestinian individuals. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 18:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.

KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> At 16:40, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line east of the area of Al Farahin east of the city of Khan Yunis. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.