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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 August 2007 – 08:00 21 August 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	6	7	All armed Palestinian individuals
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Protestors beaten in Sarra village, Nablus
Injuries	6	3	9	Incl. 1 child & 1 Palestinian Police officer
Air Attack	_	1	1	1 missile fired by a helicopter, C. Gaza
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 6 in raids and 3 from military posts
Raids	35	1	36	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 9 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	1	3	4	2 by helicopters & 2 by reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	16	_	16	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	1	1	A civilian vehicle destroyed, Central Gaza
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A pistol from a civilian in Qabatiya, Jenin
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the town of 'Azzun, Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	14		14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14		14	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	40		40	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Humanitarian cases & fuel allowed
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Prophet Mohammed verbally assaulted
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Fire opened towards a Pal. security post
Palestinian Attacks	1	5	6	Incl. fire opened towards a settlement
Demonstration	1		1	Against closure of a road, Nablus
TOTAL	191	31	222	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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.
JERUSALEM	 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: 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. 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. 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: 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, 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	Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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.
	• Wall Construction: 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.
	• Raids:
	(i) At dawn on 20 August 2007, the Israeli army raided the village of
	'Arura, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
	(ii) At 11:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the
	town of Beituniya.
	(iii) At 16:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh.
	At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city again and
	patrolled the area until 01:40.
	(iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1
	building and the offices of the <i>Zakat</i> Committee, and arrested 1 civilian.
	The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and
	vehicles, and withdrew at 03:30.
	(v) The Israeli army raided the village of Dura al Qar' and arrested 1
	civilian.
	• Raids:
	(i) The Israeli army arrested Abdul 'Aziz al Haj Yousef in the village of
	'Arura.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Tayseer Farouq al Liftawi in the city of
	Ramallah.
	(iii) The Israeli army arrested Murad Waheed Hamdan in the village of
	Dura al Qar'.
	Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt
	barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of
	Dotan.
	• Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of
	the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley,
	except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the
	Northern Jordan Valley.
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	• <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
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	(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: along the road to
	the Arab-American University; along the settler bypass road east of the
	city of Jenin; and on the junction to the village of Al Jarba. Israeli
	troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and
	vehicles.
	(ii) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the Haddad
	Tourist Complex east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians.

Raids/Attack/Confiscation of Property: (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Faqqu'a. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, patrolled the area, (ii) opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 04:00. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, searched 1 (iii) house, and arrested 1 civilian, after having confiscated his pistol. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Yaseen Suleiman Saba'neh in the town of Qabatiya. Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat (i) 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). TULKAREM Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids/Detentions:** (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of 'Anabta, searched a number of houses, and detained 8 civilians. At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Rumman, searched 2 (ii) houses, and withdrew at 04:30. At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, searched 1 (iii) building, and withdrew at 04:50. Arrest: At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint arrested Suleiman 'Abed Rabbu Hussein, a Palestinian National Security officer. 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: QALQILIYA** 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.

- <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.
- Raid: At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun.
- Palestinian Attack/Israeli Raid/Attack/Curfew/Detentions: At 19:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Ma'ale Shomron. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, opened indiscriminate fire, imposed curfew, searched a number of houses, and combed the area surrounding the town. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians, after they had performed evening prayers at a mosque. In addition, the Israeli army closed with cement blocks the entrance to the town of and with dirt barricades the road to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler 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:
- (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.

• Raids/Attacks/Injuries/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Sabastiya, claiming to be providing protection to a group of Israeli settlers on their visit to an archaeological site in the village.
- (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp. While surrounding and searching 2 buildings and 1 house, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 19:45.

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- (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as 'Askar and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps. In 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 1 armed individual and injured 1 civilian as well as 1 Palestinian Police officer. The Israeli army also opened fire towards a Palestinian National Security location in the city of Nablus. At 05:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iv) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Till, searched 3 houses, arrested 3 civilians, and withdrew at 04:00.
- (v) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Nasser Ali Mabrouk in 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp in the city of Nablus.

• Arrests:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Abdullah al 'Aker in the city of Nablus.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Till:

- (ii) Khaldoun Abdul Rahman 'Assidah;
- (iii) Mohammed 'Adnan 'Assidah; and
- (iv) Ahmed Sager 'Assidah.
- (v) The Israeli army arrested Baha' Sameer al Qinni, a Palestinian Police officer, in the village of Kafr Qalil.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 16:00, a group of Israeli settlers verbally assaulted Prophet Mohammed (May peace be upon him) near the village of Burqa, after they left the debris of the evacuated settlement of Homesh.
- <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults</u>: At 11:25, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Sarra in protest against the Israeli army's continued closure of the road connecting the districts of Nablus and Qalqiliya. Israeli troops beat a number of protestors.

• 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 *Intifada* (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.

• <u>Checkpoints</u>:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.
- Raid: At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf and patrolled the area until 11:15.

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JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Flying Checkpoint: At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. Wall Construction: Wall construction 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. Raids/Air Patrol/Attacks/Injury: At 09:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and the area of 'Arab ar Rashayida, whilst reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over these areas. At 15:25, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the village of 'Arab ar Rashayida, raided a hall where a wedding was taking place, and arrested 2 brothers, including the bridegroom. In addition, Fares 'Uweidhah as Sawarkah, 17 years old, sustained injuries, after an Israeli army UXO exploded. At 18:10, the Israeli army raided the village again and conduct a census of the village's residents and livestock. At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, the town of Al Khadr, and the villages of Dar Salah, Al 'Asakira, and Artas. While patrolling the village of Artas, the Israeli army fired flares. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of 'Arab ar Rashayida: Nawwaf Suleiman ar Rashayida; and Mubarak Suleiman ar Rashayida.
HEBRON	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with

- an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up 3 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the area of Ras Quteit in the town of Halhul and arrested 3 civilians.

• Arrests:

(i) At 02:40 on 20 August 2007, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed 'Imran Abdul Rahman Abu Omar during its raid into the city of Hebron.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the area Ras Quteit in the area of Ras Outeit in the town of Halhul:

- (ii) Hamzeh Abdul Rahman al Wahsh;
- (iii) Mustafa Mohammed al Wahsh; and
- (iv) Anas Yousef al Wahsh.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Only humanitarian cases are allowed access, after prior coordination. Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack/Injuries: (i) At 15:15, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 20:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army fired a missile mortar towards the area from which the mortar was launched, injuring 2 armed individuals.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for fuel. Palestinian Attack: At noon on 20 August 2007, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Air Attack/Injury/Destruction of Property: At 17:20, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 1 missile towards a vehicle transporting armed Palestinian individuals in the area of Maqbula east of Al Bureij refugee camp, killing 6 armed individuals and injuring Mohammed Sheehi, a civilian. The Israeli air attack also resulted in the destruction of the targeted vehicle. Killings: The Israeli air force killed 6 armed Palestinian individuals in the area of Maqbula east of Al Bureij refugee camp: Abed Rabbu Khaled al Hilou; Ali Sa'eed Baroud; Mohammed Ibrahim al Qureinawi; Ahmed Ali al Qureinawi; Mohammed 'Atiyyeh Abu 'Arab; and Isma'il Mohammed Abu 'Abdeh. Raid/Air Patrols/Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army, including a number of tanks and armoured vehicles and covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp and opened intensive fire. Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 13:45, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars and 2 anti-tank mortars towards Israeli troops positioned near Kessufim gate on the Green Line. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards Palestinian territory northeast of the area of Al Qarara.
KHAN YUNIS	• Attack: At 19:40, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards civilian houses in the area of Al Farahin east of the city of Khan Yunis.
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.