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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 10 July 2009 – 08:00 11 July 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	5	—	5	Civilians beaten, Ramallah & Qalqiliya
Attacks	4	—	4	3 in confrontations & 1 from a mil. post
Raids	22	—	22	Incl. 3 in Jenin and 5 in Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Ramallah (3), Qalqiliya (3), & Salfit (1)
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Closure of Checkpoints	9		9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 5 in Qalqiliya
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	47	—	47	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 11 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points		7	7	All crossing points closed
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Gaining access to a Palestinian area
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Officers detained, Qalqiliya & Nablus
Demonstrations	4	—	4	Against the Wall & house demolitions
TOTAL	151	7	158	

DISTRICT

EVENTS

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
JERUSALEM	 Closure: On 10 July 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around AI Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. Closure OMain Roads:

	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. <u>Demonstrations/Attacks/Physical Assaults/Injuries/Detention</u>: At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in on the 5th anniversary of the Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the <i>Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory</i>, demanding that it be put to effect. The Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades and splashed protestors with water mixed with bad-smelling chemicals. In addition, Israeli troops severely beat protestors, leaving Juneid Jihad Salameh with contusions. Salameh was transported to hospital for medical treatment. A number of civilians also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. Moreover, Israeli troops arrested 1 civilian and detained an Israeli peace activist. (ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin 5th anniversary of the ICJ Advisory Opinion on the <i>Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory</i>, demanding that it be put to effect. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Adib Abu Rahmeh in the village of Bil'in. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin other and the set of the and the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin other and the set of the and the and the and the and the and the and the origin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 <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. <u>Raids</u>: At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the area between the town of Al Yamun and the village of Al 'Araqa and withdrew at 10:30. (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the area between the town of Ya'bad and the village of Kufeirit and withdrew at 12:30. (ii) At 06:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.

TUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. <u>Raid</u>: At 09:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a.
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, searched 1 house in the city, and served a summons to 'Ammar al Badawi to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Lid, searched 1 house, and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (iii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir al Ghusun, searched 2 houses, and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (iv) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. <u>Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assaults/Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kafr Thulth and the village of 'Izbat al Ashqar and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance the village of Al Funduq, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians after having severely beaten them. At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Jayyus and the village of Kafr Jammal, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a vehicle belonging to the Palestinian Customs Police along with 2 Customs Police officers. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed the Palestinian Customs Police vehicle to cross. At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.

	 <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (ii) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 01:10.
	• <u>Arrests</u> : (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Al Funduq arrested 2 unidentified civilians.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Kamal Mohammed Ahmed Khaled in the town of Jayyus.
	Wall Gates: (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 detector. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Till-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; and the main road and eastern entrance to entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Till and Madama; the southern entrances to the village of Qaryut and Duma; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqi; the western entrances to the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At Huwwara checkpoint, access to civilians is allowed between 05:00 and 24:00 and to civilian vehicles around the clock. (iii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. Raids: (i) At 09:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched 1 building.

	 (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Furik. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 19:50, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained officers of the Palestinian Explosives Unit of the Palestinian Police while they were returning to the city of Nablus. Palestinian officers had carried out a mission in the village of Talfit.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Attack: At 23:40, Israeli troops positioned on the military watchtower installed west of the town of Kafr ad Dik opened fire towards 3 civilians, claiming that they were cutting off barbed wire around the settlement of 'Elli Zahav. Israeli troops also arrested all 3 civilians. Arrests: Israeli troops arrested 3 civilians in the area surrounding the settlement of Elli Zahav, including Ja'far Mohammed Abdul 'Aziz 'Ubeidi. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	 <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>: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.
BETHLEHEM	 <u>Closure</u>: (i) 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.

	 (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlat as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahhal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. Checkpoint: At 16:25, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flying Checkpoints: At 16:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles
	 until 18:30. <u>Raids/Settler Violence</u>: (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur, provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, and withdrew at 12:00. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and patrolled
	 the area until 02:00. (iii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 02:10. (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem as well as 'Ayda and Ad Duheisha refugee camps and patrolled these areas until 02:45.
	 <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Injuries</u>: At 11:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin 5th anniversary of the ICJ Advisory Opinion on the <i>Legal Consequences of the Construction of a Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory</i>, demanding that it be put to effect. Having denied access to the Wall construction site, Israeli troops severely beat a number of protestors, leaving 2 civilians, including 1 child, with contusions. <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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 Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
HEBRON	 <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

(ii) (iii)	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. The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T,
	land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.
• (1)	<u>Closure of Main Roads</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
(ii)	The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
(iii)	The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.
(iv)	The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
•]	Raids:
(i)	At 09:30, and again at 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
(ii)	At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
(Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.