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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 15 July 2009 – 08:00 16 July 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	37	2	39	Incl. 10 in Bethlehem and 8 in Hebron
Air Patrol		1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over N. Gaza
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	Incl. 2 children in Nablus
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. civilians used as human shields
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Bethlehem
Land Levelling		1	1	Agricultural land in Northern Gaza
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	2	3	Incl. olive trees and crops set on fire
Confiscation of Property	7	—	7	1 personal computer and 5 mobiles
Attacks on Property	10	—	10	Incl. building mosque & houses ceased
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	50	—	50	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 10 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points		2	2	5 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Olive groves burnt and a tent erected
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. taking position near a security HQ
Pal. Security Measures	2		2	A mortar & Israeli citizen handed over
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Jenin
TOTAL	190	11	201	

DISTRICT

EVENTS

WEST BANK

	• <u>Closure</u> :
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at
	checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to
	set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and
	around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
	(i) 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
	(ii) military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
	(ii) 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.
	<u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :
JERUSALEM	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt
JENUSALEM	barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section,
	separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
	• <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.
	 Raids/Confiscation of Property:
	(i) On 15 July 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of As Sawahira
	ash Sharqiya, searched 1 house, and confiscated a personal
	computer as well as a cellular telephone. The Israeli army arrested 1
	civilian.
	(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Abu Dis.
	• <u>Arrest</u> : The Israeli army arrested 'Atef Ali 'Ubayyat in the town of As
	 Sawahira ash Sharqiya. <u>Detentions</u>: On 15 July 2009, the Israeli army impeded access to
	children at summer camps to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old
	city of Jerusalem.

	 <u>Attack on Property</u>: On 15 July 2009, the Israeli army closed the Nidal Centre fro Community Empowerment and Development in the old city of Jerusalem based on an order issued by the Israeli Police Inspector General. Israeli troops also expelled civilians out of the Centre. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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. <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
	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeh anny continues to close with dift 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Yabrud, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. Raid: At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya. <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Yabrud arrested Mustafa Ali 'Ayyad. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin 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/Detentions</u>: (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida. (ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad and searched 3 civilians after having detained residents outside. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Ya'bad: (i) Kifah Khaled Hamarsheh; and (ii) Qussay 'Adnan Sharif Qabaha.

	 <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:30, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Jenin in solidarity with prisoners. Protestors also demanded that prisoners be released from Israeli prisons. <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. <u>Checkpoint</u>: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan
TUBAS	Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Raids/Detentions/Confiscation of Property:
QALQILYA	 <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. <u>Flving Checkpoints/Detention</u>: (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 04:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and the other at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud, and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to Habla tunnel detained a Palestinian General Intelligence officer and released him at 07:00.

	 <u>Raids/Attacks on Property:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus. At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Al Funduq and Hajja as well as distributed notices for cessation of the construction of 1 mosque and 8 houses, allegedly because they were being built without the required construction licences in Area C, which is under the Israeli control. The Israeli army also gave a respite to civilians until 13 August 2009 to report to the Israeli court in the settlement of Beit II. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jit. <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
NABLUS	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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. <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Aqraba and arrested 2 civilians, including a child.

	 (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. While searching a house in the refugee camp, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian. The Israeli army also arrested 1 child in Balata refugee camp. At 04:45, the Israeli army withdrew from both areas. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Aqraba: (i) Nidhal 'Ayesh Diriyyeh, 17 years old; and (ii) Mahmoud Mufeed Diriyyeh. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Atallah Saleh al Masimi, 17 years old, in Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus. <u>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property</u>: On 15 July 2009, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to an area measuring 25 <i>dunums</i> (6.177 acres) of olive groves in the village of Burqa, destroying many olive trees.
SALFIT	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 09:30, Palestinian security forces hand over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) a mortar located in the town of Az Zawiya. <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 Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
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 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. 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.

	 <u>Raid</u>: At 02:30, the Israeli army raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in the city of Jericho and arrested 1 civilian. <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Sami 'Imad al 'Alem in 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in the city of Jericho. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 10:00, Palestinian security forces handed
	over the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli citizen, who was in possession of narcotic drugs, in the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	 Closurc: (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: (i) 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. (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades all detour roads leading to villages in the Eastern Countryside in the district of Bethlehem. Checkpoint: At 19:40, the Israeli army intensified its measures at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flving Checkpoints: (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Za'tara and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur. (ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Gahur. (ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Ta'mir and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Ash Shawawra and searched livilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ta'mir and searched 1 house. (iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Ash Shawawra and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

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	(vi) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, set up a
	checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
	(vii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem as well as
	'Ayda and Al 'Aza refugee camps. The Israeli army also arrested 1
	civilian in Al 'Aza refugee camp.
	(viii) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al
	'Ubeidiya.
	• <u>Arrest</u> : The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Fu'ad Nofal 'Adawin in Al 'Aza refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem.
	 Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a Palestinian National Security vehicle transporting 11 National Security officers in the civil uniform, while they were travelling the city of Jericho. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released all detained Palestinian security officers. <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.
	• <u>Closure</u> : (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city
HEBRON	 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) 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. (iii) 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.
	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :
	(i) 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.
• <u>F</u>	Tying Checkpoint: At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on
A	Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
• <u>F</u>	Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
(i)	At 10:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of
	Tarqumiya.
(ii)	At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
	At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint,
	searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. at 23:55, the
	Israeli army raided the city for the third time, took position in front
	of the Palestinian National Security headquarters, and patrolled the
	area.
(iii)	At 20:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul.
(iv)	At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and searched 4
	houses.
(v)	At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Arrub refugee
	camp.
(vi)	At 03:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and
	arrested 1 civilian.
• <u>A</u>	arrest: The Israeli army arrested Sami Mahmoud Fahed 'Adi in the
te	own of Beit Ummar.
• <u>v</u>	Vall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya
c	heckpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of
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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. <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and armoured vehicles opened intensive fire in the districts of Northern Gaza and Khan Yunis. The Israeli army also opened fire intensively from its location on the Green Line towards the district of Rafah.
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NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. <u>Raid/Air Patrols/Attack/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property</u>: In the morning of 15 July 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire towards agricultural land and civilian houses, level farmland, and set crops on fire.
GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transported of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• <u>Raid/Attack</u> : At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 3 bulldozers, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira and opened intensive fire towards agricultural land and civilian houses.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 30 ill civilians after they had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 <u>Sentences</u>: The Israeli military court at Salem Military Camp issued sentences against the following political prisoners: Salah Fahmi Abu Rizq, a resident of Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus, for 51 months in prison, along with a fine of ILS 3,000 (approximately USD 750); Majdi Fityan, a resident of the city of Nablus, for 18 months in
	prison, along with a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately USD 500);

(iii) Mohammed Daraghmeh, a resident of the city of Tubas, for 8
months in prison, along with a fine of ILS 2,000 (approximately
USD 500); and
(iv) Ahmed al Massri, a resident of the city of Nablus, for 7 months in
prison, along with a fine of ILS 3,000 (approximately USD 750);
The said court also put off the trial of 13 other political prisoners as well as
extended for various periods orders of administrative detention (arrest
without charge or trial) against 7 prisoners.