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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 27 July 2008 – 08:00, 28 July 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Injuries | 8 | _ | 8 | Incl. 5 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah |
| Arrests (per person) | 14 | _ | 14 | Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 1 in Ramallah |
| Detentions | 20 | _ | 20 | At checkpoints & in residential areas |
| Raids | 32 | _ | 32 | Incl. 3 in Salfit & 1 in Jericho |
| Closure of Checkpoints | 15 | _ | 15 | Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints |
| Flying Checkpoints | 21 | _ | 21 | Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 2 in Nablus |
| Attacks | 6 | 1 | 7 | Incl. 5 attacks during confrontations |
| Curfew | 1 | _ | 1 | On Al Arrub refugee camp in Hebron |
| Wall Construction | 26 | _ | 26 | Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth. |
| Closure (per District) | 8 | _ | 8 | Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron |
| Closure of Main Roads | 57 | _ | 57 | Incl. 1 in Jenin & 1 in Tulkarm |
| Closure of Crossing Points | _ | 3 | 3 | Incl. humanitarian cases allowed |
| Settler Violence | 8 | _ | 8 | Incl. attack on 2 civilians by knives |
| TOTAL | 216 | 4 | 220 | |

WEST BANK The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up **ALL** on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the **DISTRICTS** northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. 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-Agsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. **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 a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-(ii) Bareed to al-Ram town to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt (iii) 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 (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions on the checkpoint set up **JERUSALEM** near the village of Jaba' and the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Rafat and impeded civilian access. Raids: (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Anata, searched a house and arrested a civilian. The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and issued summons (ii) to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency. At dawn on 28 July 2008, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit (iii) Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and Hanina. a number of civilians while conducting a sit in protest in the periphery of a building that the Israeli army decided to destroy. The Israeli army wounded a number of civilians, including the Palestinian Prime Minister's advisor for Jerusalem affairs. The Israeli army forcefully

• <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested in the town of Anata the civilian Yazid Ahmad Al Hout.

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evacuated the inhabitants of the building in order to destroy it. The Israeli army continued to take positions in the area of the building

• Settler Violence:

- (i) On 27 July 2008, a group of settlers attacked by knifes 2 civilians while working in Mishur Adumim industrial zone causing them wounds, including serious injuries sustained by one the civilians.
- (ii) On 27 July 2008, a group of settlers attacked children in a summer camp organized by the Islamic school in Ath Thawri neighborhood in 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 al-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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik Ein Samiya.
- (ii) As of 18:30 on 28 June 2008, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to Dura Al Qar' village and searched civilians and vehicles.

(ii) At 18:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to Deir Dibwan town and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Mazra'a Ash Sharqiya and arrested a civilian.
- (ii) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the town of Al Mazra'a Ash Sharqiya the civilian Ahmad Shareef Al Hatil.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 14:00, a demonstration set about in the town of Ni'lin against the Wall with the participation of international activists. Confrontations took place between demonstrators and the Israeli army wounding and causing suffocation to a number of civilians as a result of inhaling tear-gas.

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| | Palestinian Security Measure: At 19:15, a Palestinian engineering unit dismantled and destroyed an explosive device, intended for detonation, found in an empty house in the city of El Bireh. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. |
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| JENIN | Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. Raids: At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Zububa, arrested 3 civilians, searched a number of houses and withdrew at 22:30. At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Yamun town. At 05:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jenin city. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the village of Zububa the civilians: Abdallah Fathi Amarneh; Ahmad Bassam Jaradat; and Mu'ayad Bassam Maqaldeh. Wall Gates: 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. |
| TOUBAS | 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Tubas and the town of Aqaba. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bardala and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas and patrolled the area until 11:00. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Ein Al Baeda village, searched a house and detained a civilian and released him after issuing him with a summon to report to the Israeli Intelligence Agency. |
| TULKAREM | Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm 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 western entrance to the village of Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. Raids: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarm city until 10:55. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the neighborhood of Shuweika in the city of Tulkarm and patrolled the area until 02:40. At 01:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm and Tulkarm |

| | refugee camp, searched a building an a number of houses, arrested a civilian and withdrew at 05:00. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in the city of Tulkarm the civilian Ma'az Sameer Al Haroun. • Detention: At 16:30, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint arrested the Palestinian National Security officer Wajdi Shawqi Asqi and released him at a later time after the intervention of military liaison. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. |
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| QALQILYA | Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun' Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. Flving Checkpoints: At 17:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Immatin and Jinsafut. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Qaddum village. Physical Assault: At 23:05, the civilian Wael Ramzi Abduljalil was admitted to the government hospital in the city of Qalqiliya after suffering contusions as a result of severe beating by Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate leading to the village of Azzun Atma. Settler Violence: At 11:35, a group of settlers from the settlement of Qadumim threw stones towards civilian vehicles travelling on Qalqiliya-Nablus main road. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the area. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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 leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. |
| NABLUS | Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut, the |

eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.

- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads around the town of Beita leading to the town of Aqraba and the villages of Osarin and Odala.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only.
- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya.

• Raids:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Till and Iraq Burin.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Nablus Al Jadidah, located south of Nablus city, set up a flying checkpoint and arrested a child after confiscating a hunting rifle from him.
- (iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, opened fire and fired sound grenades while searching a number of houses and withdrew at 01:00.
- (iv) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qalil.

Arrests:

- (i) At 17:25, the Israeli army arrested at Beit Iba checkpoint the civilian Hassan Mousa Elayyan.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the area of Nablus Al Jadidah, located south of Nablus city, 1 unidentified civilian.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 11:00, a group of settlers damaged a communication room and a water well near the village of Till.
- (ii) At 19:40, a group of settlers from the settlement of Bracha set fire to land planted with olive trees belonging to civilians from Burin village.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:30, a sit in demonstration by families of political prisoners took place opposite the headquarters of the ICRC in the city of Nablus in solidarity with their children in Israeli jails and demanding their release.

• Closure of Main Roads:

SALFIT

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates

| | the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the village of Hares and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:00. • Raids: (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Salfit city until 08:30. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Hares until 21:10. (iii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Hares. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. The Israeli army withdrew at 22:10. • 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 Hares north of the settlement of Ariel. |
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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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Raid: At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Jericho, searched an uninhabited house and withdrew at 01:45. Detention: At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Karama (Allenby) checkpoint detained the Palestinian National Security officer Ali Ata Ismail Ash Sha'lan while travelling to Jordan and released him at 17:20. |
| 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. Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As Sidr in the city of Beit |

Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance of the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:10.
- (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ash Shawawra and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:00.

• Raids:

- (i) At 22:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur until 23:00.
- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched a number of houses and withdrew at 03:00.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 21:05, a group of settlers sprayed poisonous material in a plot of agricultural land in the town of Taqu'a belonging to the civilian Muhammad Hassan Ali Sabah causing the death of 14 sheep and poisoning 18 other sheep.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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 traveling 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 al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; 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

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- neighborhood 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 traveling 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.
- (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 bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Wadi Al Quaff that leads to the town of Tarqumiya.
- (v) At 22:00, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) Since 09:30 on 27 July 2008, the Israeli army continues to set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to the town of Halhul and prevent civilian access.
- (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrance to Dura town and on the junction to Al Fawwar.
- (iii) At 09:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Kahil town and prevented civilian access.
- (iv) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fahs area south of Hebron city and arrested a civilian. At 18:00, the Israeli army closed the entrance with a gate and prevented civilian access.

• <u>Raids</u>:

- (i) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Bab Az Zawiya and patrolled the area. Again at 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city, set up 2 flying checkpoints in the areas of Namra and Al Hawouz Ath Thani and patrolled the area. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron again at 01:15.
- (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army. The Israeli army imposed curfew on the area and arrested a civilian.
- (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while searching a house. The Israeli army arrested a civilian.
- (iv) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ad Dhahiriya town.

• <u>Arrests</u>:

- (i) At 18:00 on 26 July 2008, the Israeli army arrested the civilians Layth Kassab Ali Abu Diyya and Murad Ibrahim Ahmad Abu Ayyash during a raid on Beit Ummar town.
- (ii) At 23:00 on 26 July 2008, the Israeli army arrested the civilian Zeid Ad Deen Mousa Misk during a raid on the city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested in the area of Al Fahs south of Hebron city the civilian Wael Muhammad Darweesh.

- (iv) The Israeli army arrested in Al Arrub refugee camp the civilian Ashraf Rabah Jawabra.
- (v) The Israeli army arrested in Dura town the civilian Omar Amr.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 19:30, a group of settlers from the settlement of Maun threw stones towards children from the villages of Tuba and Maghayir Al Abeed. The children, accompanied by international peace activists, were returning to their homes from a summer camp in the village of At Tawini. An American activist sustained wounds in his head and was transferred to hospital for treatement.
- <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 al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• As of 06:00 on 19 June 2008, the Egyptian-brokered ceasefire agreement between Palestinian factions in Gaza and Israel is holding. The *tahdia* (calm) includes, *inter alia*, a complete cessation of all hostilities. The agreement has been reached with Israel through Egyptian mediators.

Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially opened (for previously coordinated humanitarian cases). **Israeli Ceasefire Violation**: At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned on the Green **NORTHERN** Line east of Beit Hanun town opened fire towards tens of farmers during **GAZA** a demonstration protesting at preventing civilians from entering their land located 300 meters from the border fence. **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of wheat, **GAZA** fodder and different commodities. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of (ii) fuel. **CENTRAL** Activities not reported. GAZA **KHAN** Activities not reported. **YOUNIS Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed. **RAFAH** Sufa Crossing is partially opened to allow entry of food, medical (iii) supplies and basic necessities. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. (iv)

GENERAL

POLTIICAL PRISONERS

- <u>Abuse of Political Prisoners</u>: Israeli authorities at Megiddo prison put in solitary confinement 5 political prisoners from section 8 in the prison, fined each of them 250 shekel (US\$70) and prevented them from sitting for the English Language examination of the General Secondary Examinations (At Tawjihi).
- <u>Sentences</u>: The Israeli military court at Salem Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced political prisoner Ahmad Hamida Marshud from Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus to life imprisonment.
- Administrative Detention: The Israeli military court at Ofer Detention and Interrogation Centre extended orders of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) for varied periods against 20 political prisoners from the districts of Jenin, Tulkarm, Nablus, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Hebron.