

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
08:00 31 July 2004 – 08:00 01 August 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	<b>1</b>	3 civilians severely beaten
Injuries	2	1	<b>3</b>	Incl. 1 officer
Attacks	7	7	<b>14</b>	6 during raids, 5 from military post
Raids	19	4	<b>23</b>	Incl. siege on Beit Hanun
Arrests (per person)	3	3	<b>6</b>	Incl. 2 officers
Detentions	3	1	<b>4</b>	Incl. thousands at Rafah Crossing
Land Levelling	—	2	<b>2</b>	Agr. land in Beit Hanun & Jabalya
Wall Construction	15	—	<b>15</b>	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	—	2	<b>2</b>	Crops in Beit Hanun & Jabalya
Land Confiscation	2	—	<b>2</b>	Over 4000 <i>dunums</i> for Wall
Curfews	2	—	<b>2</b>	Beit 'Ur at Tahta and Deir Ibzi'
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	<b>(All)</b>	Jericho closed military zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	—	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	<b>4</b>	2 partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	Well contaminated in Kafr Ad Dik
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	3	<b>3</b>	Open fire towards security posts
Demonstrations	2	1	<b>3</b>	'Anin, Tura and Sheikh Zayed
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	<b>3</b>	2 Qassam mortars and 3 mortars
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>88</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli army prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.
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## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was resumed in Abu Dis, Al Eizariya (west of Al Quds University), Khallet Al Abed, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya (between Jabal Abu Mughayyir and the entrance to Sheikh Sa'd), Sur Bahir, along the main road between Jerusalem and Ramallah (Dahiyat Al Bareed, Ar Ram), the villages of Qatanna and Biddu, the area surrounding Qalandiya Airport, along the road between the villages of Jaba' and Hizma, and the village of Anata.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Samwil, detained dozens of civilians in the sun, and examined civilian IDs.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Iksa and prevented civilian vehicles not holding permits issued by the Israeli Civil Administration from exiting the village or travelling on roads near the area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was resumed in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah–Rafat road and searched civilian vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Ramallah in the area of Samir Amis and searched civilian</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfew:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah. At 11:30, and again at 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit ‘Ur at Tahta and imposed curfew. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians and severely beat 3 other civilians.</li> <li>(iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(iv) At 14:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Deir Ibzi’ and imposed curfew.</li> <li>(v) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and ‘Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 09:30, a mass demonstration including international peace activists took place in the villages of ‘Anin and Tura near the Wall in protest against construction of the Wall. Protestors called for the dismantling of the Wall.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army continues to declare the city of Jericho a closed military zone and to allow only residents of Jericho to access the city. The Israeli army also prevented civilians holding Israeli ID cards, including tourist bus drivers, from entering the city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> The Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians at a checkpoint set up at Al Hamra junction on the Nablus – Jericho road and prevented civilians from reaching their destinations.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it together with the adjacent village of Al Khas under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian's presence in the villages illegal.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Construction of the Wall was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo) and road #60 towards the village of Husan.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened indiscriminate fire and searched several houses.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the camp again, searched 1 civilian house after evacuating its residents, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp and searched 1 civilian house.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Munjid Salamah Ad Dibs in 'Ayda refugee camp.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TULKAREM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, opened fire, fired sound bombs, and withdrew from the area at 23:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire towards civilian houses, and withdrew at 04:30.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up dozens of flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled several neighbourhoods.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Land Confiscation:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army issued a military order confiscating 558.5 <i>dunums</i> (139.6 acres) of land (measuring 5,940 meters in length and 100 meters in width) north of the city of Hebron in the towns and villages of Surif, Nuba, Kharas, Beit Ula and Tarqumiya for Wall construction.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army issued a Military Order confiscating 4,331 <i>dunums</i> (1082.8 acres) of land (measuring 5,388 meters in length and 100 meters in width) southwest of the city of Hebron in the villages of Al Burj, Deir Al 'Asal, Al Majd and Beit ar Rush at Tahta for Wall construction.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles and examined civilian IDs.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched 1 civilian house and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Ali Mohammed Abu Ali, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of Yatta.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for construction of the Wall west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (surrounding the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut was suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 12:00, the Israeli army arrested Hussam Samih Al Khuffash, a Palestinian National Security officer, at a checkpoint set up on the Za'tara road junction.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> Israeli settlers from the settlement of Peduel contaminated a water well in the village of Kafr Ad Dik belonging to Mansour Ali Ahmed.</li> </ul>
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## GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 12:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards a Palestinian National Security location near An Nada towers, north of the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Land Levelling:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Beginning at 18:30 on 28 June 2004, the Israeli army continues to impose a military siege on the town of Beit Hanun and isolate the town from all other districts. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 1 Palestinian Police officer. The Israeli army continues to level agricultural land on the outskirts of the town and to impose a siege on the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided a street east of the town of Jabalya, took position opposite the Customs Office, opened intensive fire, levelled agricultural land, and withdrew from the area at 05:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstrations:</b> At 11:00, female civilians set out from the city of Sheikh Zayed towards the town of Beit Hanun in solidarity with the residents of Beit Hanun and in protest against the continued military siege on the town.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 07:50, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 18:30, and again at 18:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards a Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ijlin junction, south of Gaza city.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 23:10, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks, raided Palestinian Territory east of Gaza city and took position 100 metres from Al Ja'al gas station.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Wadi as Salqa south of the city of Deir Al Balah, searched 1 civilian house and arrested 3 brothers.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the area of Wadi as Salqa, south of the city Deir Al Balah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Taysir Abu Slisil;</li> <li>(ii) Isma'il Abu Slisil; and</li> <li>(iii) Mohammed Abu Slisil.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is partially open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 07:00, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) The Rafah crossing is closed. Thousands of civilians remain detained along the Egyptian border due to the closure of the Rafah crossing and were prevented from returning to their homes in Gaza districts.</li> <li>(iii) The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 21:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Rafiah Yam towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan. At 00:55, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 21:00, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam.</li> </ul>

## GENERAL

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Hunger Strike:</u></b> The Israeli Prisons Authority threatened to escalate punitive measures against political prisoners if they carry out a hunger strike scheduled to begin on 18 August 2004 in all Israeli prisons in protest against the harsh conditions of imprisonment political prisoners are subject to in Israeli prisons.</li> <li>• <b><u>Medical Negligence:</u></b> The Jalboa' prison administration continues to delay medical treatment and the provision of medicine to political prisoners attacked during a raid on the prison by Israeli Special Forces early last month, during which several prisoners sustained injuries.</li> </ul>
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