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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 01 August 2004 – 08:00 02 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	4	4	Incl. 1 elderly female civilian
Injuries	3	1	4	
Attacks	7	5	12	Incl. tank shells at civilian houses
Raids	16	2	18	Incl. siege on Beit Hanun
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	Incl. 1 child, inj. civilian & officer
Detentions	3	—	3	Incl. thousands at Rafah Crossing
House Demolitions	—	6	6	In West Khan Yunis refugee camp
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Incl. in Al Walaja for Wall const.
Wall Construction	16	—	16	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
House Occupations	4	—	4	In the old city of Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Jericho closed military zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	—	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	2 partially open
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Housing units in Ma'ale Adumim
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	6 Qassam mortars and 1 mortar
TOTAL	62	26	88	

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"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. • Settlement Activity: The Israeli government approved the construction of 600 new housing units in the north-eastern area of the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya. • Raids/Curfew: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, opened intensive fire, and withdrew at 13:00. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Kobar, searched several civilian houses, and arrested 3 civilians. (iii) At 01:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh, searched 1 civilian house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Kobar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bassam Al Barghuthi; (ii) Basim Al Barghuth; and (iii) Mohammed Ibrahim Al Barghuthi. (iv) The Israeli army arrested Fat’hi Jamil Matariyyeh in the city of El Bireh.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Gates: 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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and ‘Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • Flying Checkpoint: At 02:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Barta’a and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat adh Dhahr, imposed curfew, and searched several civilian houses. The Israeli army occupied 3 houses, converted the houses into military posts, and detained residents for several hours. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Bardala, imposed curfew and searched several houses and farms surrounding the village. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Salih Kabaha, a Palestinian Police officer, at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Barta’a.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Construction of the Wall continues 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. (ii) The Israeli army began levelling land for construction of a portion of the Wall measuring 10 km. in length between the area of Bir 'Ona in the city of Beit Jala and the village of Al Walaja. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched several civilian houses and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Yousef 'Alabun in the city of Bethlehem. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army arrested Samir 'Issa Zabun at Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, opened intensive fire, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 22:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta and patrolled the area. (iii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, searched several civilian houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew from the area at 05:30. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of 'Izbat Al Jarrad, searched 1 civilian house, and arrested 1 child. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Amjad Ahmed Ash Shuli in Tulkarem refugee camp. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Samih Mohammed Manasrah, 16 years old, in the village of 'Izbat Al Jarad.

<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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.
<p>HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Al Sheikh neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, opened indiscriminate fire, and injured and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura and opened indiscriminate fire. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and searched a number of civilian houses in several neighbourhoods. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Zuheir Mohammed at Tlabishi in Al Sheikh neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron. • Detention: The Israeli army occupied 1 civilian house near the settlement of Kiryat Arba' and detained its 17 residents in 1 room.
<p>QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Gates: 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. • Raid: At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
<p>SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: 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. • Raid: At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, searched several civilian houses, and detained 1 child until 23:30.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • Attack: At 23:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired several tank shells from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Dugit towards Palestinian Territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya, killing 3 civilians. • Raids/Land Levelling: 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 civilian. 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. • Killings: The Israeli army killed 3 unidentified civilians north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, 4 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Dugit. (ii) At 07:15, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 00:00, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nisanit
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. • Raid: At 23:25, the Israeli army, including 15 tanks and 4 bulldozers, raided West Khan Yunis refugee camp and opened intensive fire. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area and opened fire towards civilian houses, killing 1 female civilian. The Israeli army demolished 6 civilian houses, and withdrew from the area at 02:10. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Ni'ma Shihdeh Sahlul, 50 years old, in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 6 civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Zaki Nasr; (ii) Mohammed Abdul Hadi,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Ahmed Huneidiq; (iv) Shihdeh Sahlul; (v) Ali Shammaleh; and (vi) Mohammed Abu Al Kheir.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (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. (iii) The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunger Strike: 48 female political prisoners in Telmond Prison have decided to participate in a prison-wide hunger strike scheduled to take place on 18 August 2004 in protest against the harsh conditions of imprisonment political prisoners are subject to in Israeli prisons. • Physical Assault: Special Forces from the Israeli Prisons Authority severely beat 80 child prisoners in Telmond Prison, injuring several of the child prisoners.
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 4,639 workers. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) The Israeli authorities continue to refuse to renew work permits for workers in the district of Jericho to cross the Green Line. (iii) The Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians over the age of 35, married and with children. • Gaza Strip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross into the Industrial Zones for 1,135 workers; however, only 704 workers, 63% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to enter the area. (ii) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 4,328 workers; however, only 1,679 workers, 39% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line. (iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 1,796 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.