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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 02 August 2004 – 08:00 03 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	3	**3**	Incl. 1 female civilian in Yabna RC
Physical Assaults	3	—	**3**	1 female civilian severely beaten
Injuries	—	16	**16**	Incl. 1 female child and civilian
Air Attack	—	1	**1**	Helicopter missile towards 1 house
Attacks	2	6	**8**	4 during raids & 4 from mil. posts
Raids	28	2	**30**	Incl. siege on Beit Hanun
Air Patrols	3	1	**4**	3 helicopters and 1 reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	20	7	**27**	Incl. 1 child, 1 officer and 1 guard
Detentions	1	1	**2**	Incl. thousands at Rafah Crossing
House Demolition	1	—	**1**	In the town of Adh Dhahiriya
Land Levelling	2	1	**3**	In Beit Jala and Beit Hanun
Wall Construction	15	—	**15**	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	2	**5**	Crops and 1 house
House Occupation	1	—	**1**	In Tulkarem refugee camp
Curfews	2	—	**2**	In Beit Rima and 'Abud
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**	5 caravans placed in Nitsareem
Settler Violence	1	—	**1**	Burning of agric. land in Mas-ha
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	**2**	Position near 2 Pal. locations
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	**2**	3 Qassam mortars and 1 mortar
Demonstration	1	—	**1**	Against the Wall in Nazlat 'Isa
TOTAL	**85**	**47**	**132**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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.

WEST BANK

DISTRICT	EVENT
JERUSALEM	• **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, and along the road between the villages of Jaba' and Hizma, and in the village of Anata. Wall construction was completed in the area surrounding Qalandiya Airport. • **Raid:** The Israeli army raided a residential locality of 'Arab Al Jahalin, west of the city of Jerusalem and distributed a military order to evacuate civilians from the area within 10 days for construction of the Wall. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested an unidentified guard working in Al Aqsa Mosque at an entrance to Al Aqsa Mosque compound as he was trying to stop Israeli troops from severely beating 1 worshipper.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Curfew:** (i) At 22:20, and again at 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. (ii) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Abud and imposed curfew.

	(iii) At 23:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and imposed curfew. (iv) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and searched 1 civilian house. • **Arrests:** (i) At 22:25, the Israeli army arrested Mas'ud Omar Al 'Isawi at a checkpoint on the Ramallah-Nablus road. (ii) At 22:25, the Israeli army arrested Ya'qub Hazim Al Katib, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih.
JENIN	• **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. • **Raid:** At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun, searched 1 civilian house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew from the area at 03:15. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Ahmed 'Adil An Naqli in the town of Al Yamun.
JERICHO	• **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. • **Raid:** An Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al 'Oja and severely beat 3 civilians.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** (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. (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. • **Wall Construction:** Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), road # 60 towards the village of Husan, and in the villages of Bir 'Ona and Al Walaja. • **Land Levelling:** (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land in the village of Dar az Zir, uprooting 200 trees, for construction of a settler by-pass road. (ii) The Israeli army levelled 70 *dunums* (17.5 acres) of agricultural land northwest of the city of Beit Jala along by-pass road # 60, uprooting 500 olive trees, for construction of a new settler by-pass road extending from road # 60 and bisecting the village of Al Walaja. • **Raids:** (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem. At 12:55, and again at 03:05, the Israeli army raided the city again, arrested 2 civilians and searched several houses. At 04:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp and the village of Artas and patrolled the area. (iv) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Uruj and arrested 3 brothers. • **Arrests:** (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army arrested Khalid Mohammed Al Jabri at a checkpoint set up near the town of Al Khadr. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Bethlehem: (ii) Basim Mohammed Masalmeh; and (iii) Majd Sa'd Hassanat. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Al 'Uruj: (iv) Awad Abdullah Al 'Uruj; (v) 'Adel Abdullah Al 'Uruj; and (vi) 'Adli Abdullah Al 'Uruj.
TULKAREM	• **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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya, searched civilian vehicles, and withdrew at 20:00.

	• **Raids:** (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, searched 1 civilian house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the camp again, opened indiscriminate fire, occupied 1 house and converted into a military post, searched several civilian houses, and arrested 3 civilians. The Israeli army severely beat 1 female civilian, after which she was hospitalized for injuries sustained during the attack. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and took position near a Palestinian National Security location. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Air Patrols:** (i) At 16:10, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem. (ii) At 23:45, an Israeli army helicopter patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Tulkarem: (i) Mohammed 'Atif 'Ofi; (ii) Mu'ayyad Fayiz Aby Tammam; (iii) Islam Hammad Abed Rabbu; and (iv) Mohammed Hassan Az Zayit. (v) The Israeli army arrested several workers, among whom Bashar Shawqi Sawaftah was identified, at a checkpoint set up on the road leading to Bisan inside the Green Line. • **Demonstration:** A mass demonstration including international peace activists took place in the village of Nazlat 'Isa along the Wall in protest against the continued construction of the Wall and calling for its dismantling.
NABLUS	• **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. • **Raids:** (i) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, took position in several neighbourhoods, and arrested 3 civilians. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, and detained several civilians. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the city of Nablus.

HEBRON	• **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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched several houses, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and demolished 1 civilian house, claiming it was built without a license. At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. • **House Demolition:** The Israeli army demolished 1 civilian house in the town of Adh Dhahiriya belonging to Samahir Abu Sharkh. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Yatta: (i) Nidhal Hassan Al Harini, 17 years old; and (ii) Jihad Mohammed Abu Zahrah.
QALQILYA	• **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 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, patrolled several neighbourhoods, and withdrew at 03:45.
SALFIT	• **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. • **Raids:** (i) At 18:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Ad Dik. (ii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, took position near a Palestinian National Security location, and withdrew from the area at 01:10. • **Settler Violence:** A group of Israeli settlers set fire to agricultural land west of the village of Mas-ha.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	**Closure:** The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. **Attack:** At 21:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the town of Jabalya, injuring 2 female civilians, including 1 female child. **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 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:** On 01 August 2004, the 3 civilians killed by the Israeli army north of the town of Beit Hanun were identified as: (i) 'Issam 'Adnan Al Mahnakh; (ii) Mahmoud Nabil Matar; and (iii) Ali Mousa Sammur. **Arrests:** (i) At 10:55, the Israeli army arrested Abdul Hamid Abu Khusah in the area of Beit Hanun. At 18:40, the Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the Erez Industrial Zone: (ii) Maher Ibrahim Abu Jarad; (iii) Mahdi Sa'di An Nahhal; (iv) Shawqi Mahmoud Abu 'Oakl; (v) Na'im Al Jilawi; (vi) Rami An Namnam; and (vii) A civilian from the Namnam family.
GAZA CITY	**Closure:** The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	**Settlement Activity:** At 16:50, the Israeli army placed 6 new caravans in the settlement of Nitsareem.
KHAN YUNIS	**Closure:** (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. **Attack:** At 21:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations at Point 12 towards civilian houses in An Nimsawi neighbourhood. **Palestinian Attacks:** (i) At 20:50, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. (ii) At 21:15, 3 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid.

RAFAH	• **Closure:** (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. (iii) The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • **Attacks:** (i) At 17:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood. (ii) At 18:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Rafiah Yam towards civilian houses in An Nimsawi neighbourhood, injuring 1 civilian. • **Raid:** At 02:50, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided 150 meters into Palestinian Territory in Yabna refugee camp. Israeli army tanks opened intensive fire and fired 1 tank shell towards civilian houses. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area and attacked 1 uninhabited civilian house, damaging the house. The Israeli army killed 3 civilians, including 1 female civilian, and injured 13 others. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • **Killing:** The Israeli army killed 3 civilians in Yabna refugee camp: (i) Maisarah Abu Salimeh, a female civilian; (ii) Akram Al Habibi; and (iii) Mohammed Abu An Nada.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	• **West Bank:** (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 4,639 workers. The 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:** (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross into the Industrial Zones for 1,135 workers; however, only 649 workers, 58% 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 1,839 workers, 43% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line. (iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 1,826 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.