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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 August 2004 – 08:00 04 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	10	7	17	Incl. 4 children & 6 peace activists
Incursion	—	1	1	Rafah refugee camp
Attacks	5	8	13	3 during raids & 6 from mil. Posts
Raids	20	5	25	Incl. siege on Beit Hanun
Air Patrols	2	2	4	
Arrests (per person)	18	—	18	Incl. 1 female & 1 mentally chall.
Detentions	3	3	6	Incl. thousands at Rafah Crossing
House Demolitions	2	1	3	In Azzun Atma and Jabalya
Land Levelling	—	4	4	Incl. in Beit Hanun, Jabalya RC
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	4	6	Water reservoir, room and crops
House Occupations	—	3	3	North of Jabalya refugee camp
Curfew	1	—	1	Al Khadr
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
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Access denied to medical staff
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Position near 1 Pal. location
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	5 Qassam mortars towards GL
Demonstrations	2	—	2	In Deir Al Ghusun and Ayda RC
TOTAL	81	46	127	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • In response to a decision taken by the Palestinian Ministerial Cabinet regarding the arming of Palestinian Internal Security officers, the Israeli army stated, through the DCO, that it will prohibit Palestinian Police officers from carrying weapons in cities which the Israeli army has re-occupied. According to the Israeli army, any Palestinian Police officer carrying arms in these areas will place themselves at risk.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</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: 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 the village of Anata.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:25, and again at 14:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. At 23:20, and again at 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and raided the offices of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), the Ramallah Chamber of Commerce, the Workers Syndicate and the Islamic Club. The Israeli army confiscated the contents of the PFLP office and the Islamic Club, ordered the closure of the offices for 2 years, and withdrew at 04:20.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Abu Qash and searched several houses.
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. • Arrest: At 03:30 on 03 August 2004, the Israeli army arrested Majid Abu Al Hayja during a raid on the town of Al Yamun.
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. (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, Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Ash Shawawra and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and imposed curfew until 20:00.

	<p>(iv) At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(v) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Omar Mahmoud 'Ayyash in the village of Ash Shawawra. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:30, a mass demonstration including international peace activists took place in 'Ayda refugee camp along the Wall in protest against construction of the Wall and calling for its dismantling. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured several civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles and withdrew from the area at 11:00. (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and withdrew from the area at 18:20. (iii) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of 'Attil, searched civilian vehicles, and withdrew at 23:30. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire and took position at its northern entrance. (ii) At 02:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and patrolled the area. • <u>Air Patrols:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem. (ii) At 20:30, an Israeli army helicopter patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem. • <u>Demonstration:</u> A mass demonstration including international peace activists took place in the village of Deir Al Ghusun along the Wall in protest against construction of the Wall and demanding the dismantling of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 8 peace activists, including 1 journalist.

NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, took position in several neighbourhoods, searched several civilian houses, and arrested 7 civilians. At 07:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wajdi Joudeh; (ii) Hazim 'Awwadeh; (iii) Sate' Abdul Hadi; (iv) Qasim Al 'Akluk; (v) Yunis Sabri Mansur; (vi) 'Amid Al Aghbar; and (vii) Mustafa Turabi. (viii) The Israeli army arrested Suleiman as Sa'di, a Palestinian Police officer, at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Beit Iba. (ix) At 10:00, the Israeli army arrested Sharifa 'Amer, a female civilian, at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Beit Iba. <p>At 21:15, the Israeli army arrested 2 officers at the entrance to the village of Till.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (x) Khaldun Walid Shtayyeh, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (xi) Hussein Bani Jabir, a Palestinian Police officer. • <u>Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army detained dozens of civilian vehicles at Za'tara road junction. (ii) The Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at the Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints for several hours.
HEBRON	<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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched several civilian houses, and arrested 4 civilians. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Awwa and searched several civilian houses. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Adh Dhahiriya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nidal Shihdeh Al Jabarin;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mohammed Shihdeh Al Jabarin; (iii) Ali Mohammed Nofal; and (iv) Yousef Mohammed Nofal. (v) At 17:30, the Israeli army arrested Qasim Yousef Ash Sharabati, a mentally challenged civilian, in the old city of Hebron.
QALQILYA	<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army prohibited medical staff from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society from entering the village of ‘Azzun ‘Atma. The Israeli army also denied fuel tanks and supply trucks access to the village. • Attack/Flying Checkpoints: At 21:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire near the village of Jit ad set up several flying checkpoints on the main Qalqiliya-Nablus road. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya. At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, patrolled several neighbourhoods, and withdrew at 01:45. (ii) At 05:30, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Azzun ‘Atma and demolished 2 civilian houses, 1 water reservoir and 1 room. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • House Demolitions: As of 08:00 this morning, the Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the village of ‘Azzun ‘Atma belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdul Majid Abu Hijleh; and (ii) Mohammed Abdullah Omar.
SALFIT	<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.

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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. 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. (ii) At 12:05, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided the area of Al Atatra, north of the town of Beit Lahiya, and took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location. (iii) At 19:10, the Israeli army, including several tanks, raided the area of Tallet Quleibu, north of Jabalya refugee camp, demolished 1 civilian house and 1 Palestinian National Security location, occupied 3 houses, and converted them into military posts after evacuating their residents. Israeli army tanks and helicopters opened fire and fired several tank shells towards the area. The Israeli army also levelled agricultural land. (iv) At 07:40, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided Palestinian Territory in the area of Salah ad Din road, south of the town of Beit Hanun, levelled land and took position over Tallet Abu Al Jidyán. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the area of Quleibu, north of Jabalya refugee camp, belonging to Ramadan Yousef Ahmed. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 04:50, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. • Raid: At 03:10, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian Territory south of Sheikh 'Ijlin junction, south of Gaza city, and levelled 200 meters of the coastal road.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.

KHAN YUNIS	<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. At 13:45, and again at 18:50, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Gadid towards civilian houses in the area of Rashwan. (ii) At 22:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in An Nimsawi neighbourhood. (iii) At 05:15, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at At Tuffah checkpoint towards nearby civilian houses.
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. • Attack: At 23:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Rafiah Yam towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan. • Incursion: Beginning at 02:50 on 03 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in Yabna refugee camp. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 7 civilians, including 4 children. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total Number of Political Prisoners: 7,300 Palestinians are currently imprisoned in Israeli prisons, including 418 prior to the signing of the Oslo Agreements, and 748 before the outbreak of the current Intifada. • Child Prisoners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Over 2,500 children have been arrested since the outbreak of the current Intifada in September 2000. (ii) 467 children, 7.9% of the total number of political prisoners, remain imprisoned in Israeli prisons, distributed as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 children in administrative detention;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 295 children detained awaiting trial; • 145 children charged; and • 1 child prisoner whose details are unknown. <p>(iii) 41 children are ill and in need of medical care.</p> <p>(iv) 88% of imprisoned children have been subject to some form of torture or cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, particularly the placing of sacks over children's heads, Shabeh (position abuse), and severe beatings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Female Political Prisoners:</u> <p>(i) 300 female civilians have been arrested since the outbreak of the current Intifada in September 2000.</p> <p>(ii) 100 female political prisoners, 1.6% of the total number of political prisoners, remain imprisoned in Israeli prisons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 female prisoners are married; • 2 female prisoners delivered babies in prison; • 18 female prisoners are mothers to a total of 75 children; • 39 female prisoners have been charged; and • 4 female prisoners are in administrative detention. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Male Political Prisoners:</u> <p>(i) 1,732 political prisoners have been charged;</p> <p>(ii) 1,125 prisoners are in administrative detention; and</p> <p>(iii) 3,139 prisoners are detained awaiting trial.</p>
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli authorities continue to refuse to renew work permits for workers in the district of Jericho to cross the Green Line.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians over the age of 35, married and with children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross into the Industrial Zones for 1,135 workers; however, only 670 workers, 60% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to enter the area.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 4,328 workers; however, only 2,100 workers, 49% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 1,826 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.</p>