

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 08 August 2004 – 08:00 09 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten
Injuries	—	3	3	3 female civilians in Khan Yunis
Air Attack	—	1	1	6 missiles towards Al Shu'ut
Attacks	5	7	12	4 during raids & 6 from mil. posts
Raids	17	4	21	Incl. position in Al Shu'ut
Air Patrols	2	1	3	2 helicopters & 1 reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	6	1	7	Incl. 1 female civilian in Al Khadr
Detentions	1	1	2	In Till and at Abu Holi checkpoint
House Demolition	—	1	1	In Hijr ad Dik south of Gaza city
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	Electricity generator and houses
Curfews	4	—	4	Haris, Kifl Haris, Deir Istiya, Qira
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	3 partially open
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	300 housing units approved, Ariel
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Stones thrown towards civilians
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. raid on Police station
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	2 Qassam mortars
TOTAL	54	29	83	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<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.
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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, along the Jaba'-Hizma road, and the village of Anata.
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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah, severely beat 1 civilian, searched 2 apartments in a building, and threatened to demolish both apartments. (ii) At 23:45, an Israeli army patrol raided Al Am'ari refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.
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. 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), along road # 60 towards the village of Husan, Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Rakan Nayif Salahat in the city of Bethlehem. (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army arrested Samirah Tawfiq Sha'lan, a female civilian, at Al Khadr checkpoint.
TULKAREM	<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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to

	<p>the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles and examined civilians' IDs.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:45, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Zeita and Deir Al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Far'un, searched civilian vehicles and examined civilians' IDs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and raided the Palestinian Police station in the area of Shuweika. At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened indiscriminate fire and patrolled the area. At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 civilian house, and withdrew from the area at 05:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:40, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area.</p> • <u>Air Patrols:</u> <p>(i) At 13:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:35, 2 Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem.</p>
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>Raid:</u> At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, opened indiscriminate fire and took position in several neighbourhoods. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Nimr Mohammad Beidhah, a college student, at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Beit Iba. • <u>Detention:</u> The Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Till and prevented civilians under the age of 35 from crossing unless they hold special permits to cross. • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> The Israeli Government approved construction of 300 new housing units for expansion of the settlement of Ari'el, implementing the first phase of a plan to construct 2,000 housing units on a hill near the settlement.
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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and patrolled several neighbourhoods. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ra'ed Raghieb Ash Shawahin in the town of Yatta. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Ramat Shay in Tall Ar Rumeida in the city of Hebron threw stones towards 1 civilian house and civilian pedestrians along a settler by-pass road between the settlement outpost and As Shuhada' Street.
QALQILYA	<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 08:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, took position in several neighbourhoods, and withdrew at 01:30. (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched several civilian houses, and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Azzun. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shakib Hamed 'Udwan; and (ii) Tariq Mohammed Shubeitah.
SALFIT	<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 Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Haris, opened indiscriminate fire and imposed curfew until 18:50. (ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the towns of Deir Istiya and Kifl Haris and the village of Qira and imposed curfew until 18:50.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army fired 4 tank shells from its location in the area surrounding the Haj Fadl factory towards Palestinian Territory south of Gaza city. (ii) At 19:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the area near Malaka roundabout south of Gaza city and towards 1 Palestinian National Security location at the entrance to Al Muntar Crossing, east of Gaza city. • Raid: At 16:30, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian Territory near a waste disposal site in the area of Hijr ad Dik, south of Gaza city, and demolished 1 civilian house. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the area of Hijr ad Dik belonging to the Sa'd family. • Palestinian Attack: At 00:20, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
<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"> • Raid: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided Deir al Balah refugee camp, searched 1 civilian house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Sami Salim Bashir in Deir al Balah refugee camp. • Palestinian Attack: At 21:05, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.
<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. At 09:30, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilian vehicles. At 12:40, the Israeli army reopened the road. • Attack: At 13:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the area of Abu 'Idah east of the area of Al Qarara, north of the city of Khan Yunis, injuring 3 female civilians. • Raid: At 23:55, the Israeli army, including 7 tanks, raided Palestinian Territory east of the village of Khuza'a.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) The Rafah crossing is partially open to arrivals only. (iii) The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At 22:15, Israeli army helicopters fired 6 missiles towards civilian houses in Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood. The Israeli army damaged houses and destroyed the main electricity generator, cutting electricity to the area. • <u>Attack:</u> At 22:15, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its location near Tall Zu'rub towards civilian houses in Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 23:55, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided 150 meters into Al Sha'ut neighbourhood in the city of Rafah, opened intensive fire and levelled land. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
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GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <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. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross into the Industrial Zones for 1,140 workers; however, only 604 workers, 53% 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 4,330 workers; however, only 3,090 workers, 72% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line. (iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 1,862 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.
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