

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 August 2004 – 08:00 13 August 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 civilian severely beaten
Injuries	6	3	<b>9</b>	Incl. 3 children and 2 officers
Attacks	13	7	<b>20</b>	10 during raids & 7 from mil. posts
Raids	22	5	<b>27</b>	Incl. Bir Zeit University campus
Arrests (per person)	10	4	<b>14</b>	Incl. 1 officer
Detentions	6	2	<b>8</b>	Hundreds of civilians
House Demolitions	6	11	<b>17</b>	Incl. 6 in the old city of Hebron
Land Levelling	—	3	<b>3</b>	South of Gaza city and Al Sha'ut
Wall Construction	14	—	<b>14</b>	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	3	<b>6</b>	Damage to houses and crops
Confiscation of Property	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. contents of charitable society
House Occupation	1	—	<b>1</b>	In Salfit
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	In Balata refugee camp
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)	(4)	—	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	<b>4</b>	3 partially open
Medical Obstruction	1	—	<b>1</b>	Medics detained in Balata RC
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	Destruction of crops in Al Khadr
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. detaining 1 Police vehicle
Palestinian Attack	—	1	<b>1</b>	1 mortar towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	In Ramallah supporting prisoners
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>135</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 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), along the Jaba'-Hizma road, and the village of Anata.</li> <li>(ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu was suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> The Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians, including children, women and the elderly, at Qalandiya checkpoint and prevented them from exiting the district of Ramallah and reaching their homes in the areas and villages north of the city of Jerusalem.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest/Confiscation of Property:</b> The Israeli army arrested Bassam Mustafa As'ad near Qalandiya checkpoint and confiscated his vehicle.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</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 roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Jenin a closed military zone.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 04:00 on 12 August 2004, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, confiscated 1 taxi, and arrested 4 civilians. At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the city again and fired sound bombs and tear gas grenades. At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, detained 1 Police vehicle, examined officers' IDs, and arrested 1 Police officer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Arura. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 15:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 15:50, an Israeli army patrol raided Bir Zeit University campus, opened intensive fire, and withdrew from the area at 16:10. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 5 individuals in the city of Ramallah, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abdul Rahim Is’ifan, a Palestinian Police officer; and</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed ‘Allush.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 13:30, a children’s demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<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. The Israeli army declared the city of Jenin a closed military zone.</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> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and ‘Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along roads leading to the city Jenin, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented civilians from crossing checkpoints into the city of Jenin.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Mughayyir, opened indiscriminate fire, searched 1 house, and detained 1 Palestinian Police officer. At 16:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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’mān, 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</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>the civilian's presence in the villages illegal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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, in Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the village of Al 'Asakira, damaging several houses.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the area of 'Arab Ar Rashayida, opened fire towards civilians, injuring 1 civilian, and arrested another.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 18:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, opened intensive fire indiscriminately, and set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town. The Israeli army searched several houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 23:30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hassan Ar Rashayida in the area of 'Arab Ar Rashayida.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Dawood Subeih Rabayi'a in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> The Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint for several hours.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> A group of Israeli settlers destroyed approximately 10 <i>dunums</i> (2.5 acres) of cultivated land in the area of 'Ein Qasseis, west of the town of Al Khadr, and demolished support walls in the area.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<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> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the village of Kafa and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the DCO towards civilian houses in the city of Tulkarem.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Seida, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 13:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem. At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 04:00.</li> <li>(iii) At 17:40, and again at 18:45, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and took position at its northern entrance. Confrontations took</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the camp again, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until 04:00.</p> <p>(iv) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Izbat Al Jarad.</p>
<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>Raids/Curfew:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Beginning at 05:00 on 11 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in Balata refugee camp and continues to impose curfew. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians, including 3 children. The Israeli army detained medics from the Palestinian Medical Relief Committee in a civilian house, detained several international volunteers, and withdrew from the area at 15:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, patrolled the area, and severely beat 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </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>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 14:30, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, raided the Islamic Charitable Society, confiscated its property and issued an order to close its offices.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Mirsim, searched several houses, took a census of civilians in the village, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Mousa Mohammed Amro in the village of Beit Mirsim.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolitions:</b> The Israeli army demolished 6 houses near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron for completion of a settler bypass road connecting the Ibrahimi Mosque with the settlement of Kiryat Arba'. The demolished houses belong to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Sa'id Mohmoud Da'na;</li> <li>(ii) Sabri Da'na;</li> <li>(iii) Hamdan Abu Heikal;</li> <li>(iv) 'Issa Al Qeimari;</li> <li>(v) Hamid Jabir; and</li> <li>(vi) Abdul Halim Jabir.</li> </ul> </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> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 college student.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Basil Ahmed Thiyab in the city of Qalqiliya.</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 Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (around 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 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit, occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post after detaining its residents in 1 room. At 14:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 12:45, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian Territory near Ash Shuhada' cemetery, east of the town of Jabalya.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 00:50, 1 mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GAZA CITY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 17:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city.</li> <li>• <b>Raids/Land Levelling:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 5 tanks and 4 bulldozers, raided the area of Al Mughraqa, south of Gaza city, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, and levelled agricultural land. At 19:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:45, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 m. into the area of Hijr ad Dik, south of Gaza city, demolished 2 houses, levelled agricultural land, and withdrew at 19:00.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iii) At 07:00, an Israeli army infantry force raided Al ‘Arayisha road, near a used car lot south of Gaza city, and opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location, injuring 2 officers, including 1 critically.</p>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not yet reported.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 10:05, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. At 14:05, the Israeli army closed the road again, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 4 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians at Abu Holi checkpoint, among whom Jihad Suleiman Abu Teir was identified.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) The Rafah crossing is partially open to civilians under 16 years old and above 35 years old only.</li> <li>(iii) The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:30, and again at 01:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its military post in Tall Zu’rub towards civilian houses in Tall Zu’rub, injuring 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Morag towards nearby civilian houses north of the city of Rafah.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 9 and 9.5 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Block J of Rafah refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids/Land Levelling:</b> Beginning at 23:40 on 11 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in Al Sha’ut neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp, demolished 9 civilian houses, and levelled 3 <i>dunums</i> (0.75 acres) of agricultural land. At 12:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolitions:</b> The Israeli army demolished 9 houses in Ash Sha’ut neighbourhood belonging to the families of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) ‘Ayyash;</li> <li>(ii) ‘Awwajah;</li> <li>(iii) Az Zatmah;</li> <li>(iv) Al Jazzar;</li> <li>(v) Hasanein; and</li> <li>(vi) Al Qatati.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## GENERAL

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Hunger Strike &amp; Prisoners' Demands:</u></b> Political prisoners listed a series of demands from the Israeli Prisons Authority to improve the harsh conditions in Israeli prisons prior to a mass hunger strike that will take place in all Israeli prisons beginning on 15 August 2004. The hunger strike will continue until political prisoners' demands are met, including:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Removal of glass barriers separating political prisoners from families during family visits;</li> <li>(ii) Resuming family visits on Fridays and increasing the duration of visits to 1 hour;</li> <li>(iii) Allowing families access into prisons as soon as they arrive at the prison, and not to delay families at Israeli checkpoints or in the prisons;</li> <li>(iv) Allowing all relatives, including those of the second and third degrees, to visit political prisoners;</li> <li>(v) Allowing political prisoners to wear regular clothing, not limited to a specific colour or type as is currently the case, during family visits;</li> <li>(vi) Allowing families to receive handicrafts from political prisoners during family visits;</li> <li>(vii) Moving political prisoners to prisons located near their place of residence;</li> <li>(viii) Allowing political prisoners who are immediate relatives to be held in the same prison;</li> <li>(ix) Allowing personal belongings and clothing into prisons, as was the case previously;</li> <li>(x) Allowing political prisoners to purchase foodstuffs, such as fruits, vegetables and meat, and to produce their own food in conformity with their culture;</li> <li>(xi) Allowing political prisoners to take photographs with their families and children and to receive photographs of relatives from family;</li> <li>(xii) Installing telephones in prison yards and cells, or allocating 1 mobile telephone in each room or to each prisoner;</li> <li>(xiii) Removing electrical disruption devices from prisons due to their negative impact on prisoners' health; and</li> <li>(xiv) Improving the condition of prison medical clinics, particularly in Nafha Prison, to be better equipped to receive emergency cases, assigning a physician who is on duty throughout the week, allowing 1 prisoner to work in each clinic, allowing specialists into the clinics, allowing transplant operations for political prisoners, and conducting regular medical checks for all political prisoners.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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