

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
08:00 15 August 2004 – 08:00 16 August 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	2	3	1 in Jerusalem, 2 in Jabalya
Injuries	2	2	4	Incl. 2 children and 1 officer
Air Attack	—	1	1	4 missiles towards Jabalya
Attacks	8	5	13	5 during raids & 3 from mil. posts
Raids	19	5	24	Incl. position in the city of Nablus
Air Patrols	2	2	4	Over Tulkarem and Jabalya
Arrests (per person)	10	15	25	Incl. 1 female civilian & 4 officers
Detentions	8	2	10	At several checkpoints
Land Levelling	2	—	2	In Beit Ikksa and Artas
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
House Occupation	1	—	1	In the town of Haris
Curfew	1	—	1	In the old city of Nablus
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)	(4)	—	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	Construction of railroad
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Raids near Pal. National Sec. posts
Demonstration	—	1	1	In Beit Hanun for pol. prisoners
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>110</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<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

JERUSALEM	<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), on the Jaba'-Hizma road, and the village of Anata.</li> <li>(ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of Ar Ram, south of Qalandiya checkpoint, and detained dozens of civilians under 35 years old.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 10:45, the Israeli army opened fire towards and killed 1 civilian, claiming that he attempted to stab an Israeli soldier in Al Musrara neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem.</li> <li>• <b>Killing:</b> The Israeli army killed Jamal Malik Abu Issa in Al Musrara neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 11:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Anan, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Land Levelling:</b> The Israeli army began levelling land in the village of Beit Iksa to construct a railroad connecting the city of Jerusalem to the city of Tel Aviv.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr ‘Ein, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of ‘Arura and Mazari’ an Nubani and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Wisam Yousef Isma’il in the village of Kafr ‘Ein.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Firas Mreish in the town of Beituniya.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Yousef Subhi Ash Shawarib in town of Silwad.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Wall Gates:</u></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><u>Wall Construction:</u></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><u>Raid:</u></b> At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida, searched several houses, arrested 4 Palestinian officers, and withdrew at 05:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 3 Palestinian National Security officers and 1 Palestinian Police officer in the town of Az Zababida: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Hilal Abdul Qadir, a Palestinian National Security officer;</li> <li>(ii) Mu’tasim Abu Tharfah, a Palestinian National Security officer;</li> <li>(iii) Ala’ Al Hanu; a Palestinian Police officer; and</li> <li>(iv) Khaldun Raji Al Far, a Palestinian National Security officer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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>

<p><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<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'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.</li> </ul> </li> <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>Raid:</b> At 11:30, and again at 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children.</li> <li>• <b>Land Levelling:</b> The Israeli army levelled large areas of land in the village of Artas in order to complete construction of a settler bypass road connecting the Israeli settlements south of the city of Bethlehem to the city of Jerusalem.</li> </ul>
<p><b>TULKAREM</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>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 21:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, took position at its entrances and in several neighbourhoods, detained 2 civilians, and withdrew At 04:30.</li> <li>(iii) At 23:20, an Israeli army patrol raided Nur Shams refugee camp, opened intensive fire, and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 19:20, and again at 21:15, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 21:00, the Israeli army arrested Nizar Farhan Shihadeh at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of 'Anabta.</li> </ul>
<p><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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Curfew:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, surrounded a house in which civilians were offering condolences to the family of Yousef Hanani, a civilian killed by the Israeli army, and prevented civilians from leaving the house. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured several civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>(ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, took position in several neighbourhoods, and imposed curfew on the old city. The Israeli army prevented civilians from leaving the city through checkpoints set up at its entrances, and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> At 13:40, the Israeli army detained dozens of civilians from the village of Beit Dajan at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and prevented them from reaching their homes.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Raid:</u></b> The Israeli army raided the towns of Dura and Halhul and opened indiscriminate fire.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested the wife of Zidan Ash Sharabati in the old city of Hebron.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Wall Gates:</u></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><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints along the Nablus-Qalqiliya road. The Israeli army also set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Baqat al Hatab and Hajja and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Jayyus and ‘Azzun and prevented civilian vehicles from crossing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> At 14:20, the Israeli army closed the iron gate at the entrance to the town of ‘Azzun, prevented civilian vehicles from crossing, and searched civilians as they were entering and exiting the town.</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 remains suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 10:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at the junctions branching from the Trans-Samaria Highway leading to Palestinian towns and villages and prevented civilians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 06:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Haris, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</li> </ul>
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### 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>Air Attack:</b> At 01:00, Israeli army helicopters fired 4 missiles towards the area east of Al Hawuz, north of the town of Jabalya.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 19:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 30 on the Green Line towards Palestinian Territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Palestinian Territory east of the town of Jabalya. Israeli army helicopters opened fire and killed 2 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Killings:</b> The Israeli army killed 2 civilians east of the town of Jabalya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mousa Abu Mashi; and</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Abu Hashish.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 10:20, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beit Hanun in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</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 01:50, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards fishermen's boats opposite Gaza beach.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:35, an Israeli army infantry force raided Palestinian Territory near a Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city.</li> <li>(ii) At 05:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian Territory near a Palestinian National Security location south of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<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 14:30, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint, searched vehicles travelling along the road, and arrested 15 civilians. At 18:25, the Israeli army reopened the road.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 16:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 160 on the Green Line towards Palestinian Territory east of the town 'Abasan as Saghira, injuring 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 12:50, the Israeli army raided 700 meters into Palestinian Territory north of Kissufim road in the area of Al Qarara and forced civilians between 16 to 50 years old to leave their homes and assemble in a yard to examine their IDs.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 15 unidentified civilians at Abu Holi checkpoint.</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>Raid:</b> At 19:35, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 2 bulldozers, raided Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 1 Palestinian Police officer.</li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<b>HUNGER STRIKE IN ALL ISRAELI PRISONS</b>	<p>Beginning on 15 August 2004, political prisoners in Israeli prisons continue to conduct a wide scale open-ended hunger strike in protest against the harsh conditions of imprisonment imposed by the Israeli Prisons Services. 1,700 political prisoners are conducting a hunger strike in Nafha Prison, Bir Sabe' Desert Prison and Hadarim Prison. After removing radios and televisions from the political prisoners' cells, the Israeli Prisons Services declared a state of high alert to suppress the prisoner's strike.</p>
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<p><b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Activities in Support of Political Prisoner's Hunger Strike:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, a sit-in tent was erected in front of the offices of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society in the city of Jenin in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:00, a sit-in tent was erected in front of the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike. A press conference on the conditions of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons was also held.</li> <li>(iii) At 07:00, a general strike was observed throughout the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>WORK PERMITS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>West Bank:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli authorities continue to refuse to renew work permits for workers in the district of Jericho to cross the Green Line.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians over the age of 35, married and with children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Gaza Strip:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross into the Industrial Zones for 1,149 workers; however, only 700 workers, 61% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to enter the area.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 5,166 workers; however, only 3,284 workers, 64% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 2,007 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>