

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 August 2004 – 08:00 17 August 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	<b>1</b>	In the city of Nablus
Injuries	28	1	<b>29</b>	Incl. 14 children
Attacks	6	7	<b>13</b>	2 during raids & 6 from mil. posts
Raids	21	6	<b>27</b>	Incl. position in the city of Nablus
Air Patrols	3	1	<b>4</b>	1 reconnaissance and 3 helicopters
Arrests (per person)	9	2	<b>11</b>	Incl. 1 child, 1 officer and 1 injured
Detentions	3	1	<b>4</b>	No entry to Nablus; at checkpoints
House Demolitions	—	3	<b>3</b>	In Al Barazil neighbourhood
Land Levelling	2	3	<b>5</b>	In Tulkarem and Beit Hanun
Wall Construction	14	—	<b>14</b>	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	—	4	<b>4</b>	Incl. crops & 2 water wells
House Occupation	1	—	<b>1</b>	In the city of Tulkarem
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	In the old city of Nablus
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	2	—	<b>2</b>	Ambulances impeded
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	<b>1</b>	Closing the Ibrahimi Mosque
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. position near 1 security post
Palestinian Attack	—	1	<b>1</b>	1 mortar towards Gadid
Demonstrations	2	1	<b>3</b>	In Salfit, Ramallah and Gaza
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>130</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), 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>Raid:</b> At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Anan, opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle, and injured and arrested the driver.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Shadi Qasim Hamid in the village of Beit 'Anan.</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.</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 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 01:45.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:00, Israeli army patrols raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 03:00 on 16 August 2004, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, in addition to 1 civilian reported yesterday, in the town of Silwad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Rami Al Ghid; and</li> <li>(ii) Jad Awad.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 18:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with Palestinian political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.</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.</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> </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>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ol 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> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></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><u>Raids:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:00, and again at 16:00, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Al 'Aza refugee camp, detained 2 civilians for 1 hour, and withdrew at 02:30.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and Ad Duheisha refugee camp and withdrew at 03:30.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Land Levelling:</u></b> The Israeli army levelled land in the area of Bakush, west of the town of Al Khadr, parallel to the settler bypass road # 60.</li> </ul>

<b>TULKAREM</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>Land Levelling:</u></b> The Israeli army began levelling land in the villages of Ar Ras, Far'un, Kafr Sur and Khirbet Jubara, west of the Wall.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, took position at the entrance to the Tulkarem Public Hospital, arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer, occupied 1 civilian building, converted it into a military post, and raided an Internet Café.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:40, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army took position at the entrances to the camp until 04:00.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Seida.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided the towns of 'Attil and An Nazla Ash Sharqiya and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrols:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:45, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:15, and again at 21:50, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:50, the Israeli army arrested Na'im Hussein Mujalli at a checkpoint as he was returning home from the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Murad Mahmoud Ar Rayyis, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Tulkarem.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Raid/Curfew:</u></b> Beginning at 04:00 on 16 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the city of Nablus and continues to impose curfew on the old city. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during the Israeli army killed 1 civilian after preventing ambulances from transporting him as he was bleeding, and injured 25 civilians, including 11 children. The Israeli army also prevented civilians from leaving the city, and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Killing:</u></b> The Israeli army killed Zahir Sameer Al Adham in the city of Nablus.</li> <li>• <b><u>Detention:</u></b> At 09:00, the Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians at Huwwara checkpoint and prevented them from entering the city of Nablus.</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>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in Bab Az Zawiya square.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched several houses, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Dhiya' Mousa As Salibi, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Mu'in Faisal Khamis.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Iyad Khalil Darawish in the town of Dura.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attack on Religious Site:</u></b> The Israeli army closed the Ibrahimi Mosque and prevented worshippers from entering.</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>Raid:</u></b> At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 23:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Ahmed 'Uthman Shamasneh in the town of Jayyus.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</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 Construction:</u></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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village Khirbet Qeis and set up a checkpoint near 1 Palestinian National Security location.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and set up a checkpoint at its western entrance.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit in solidarity with Palestinian political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
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## GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 01:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the settlement of Dugit towards civilian houses in the town of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Land Levelling:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 300 meters into Palestinian Territory from Point 43 on the Green Line, east of the town of Beit Hanun, levelled agricultural land and demolished 1 water well.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 2 bulldozers, raided 500 meters into Palestinian Territory from Point 34 on the Green Line, east of the town of Beit Hanun, levelled agricultural land and demolished 1 water well.</li> <li>(iii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided Palestinian Territory near the Customs area west of the town of Beit Hanun.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 18:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 00:05, an Israeli army infantry force raided the area Juhor ad Dik, south of Gaza city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 11:20, a mass demonstration, including approximately 12,000 civilians, took place in Gaza city in solidarity with Palestinian political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u></b> At 12:00, the Israeli army raided Palestinian Territory east of the settlement of Kfar Darom and levelled land southeast of the town of Deir Al Balah.</li> </ul>

<p><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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 16:40, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint, searched vehicles travelling along the road, and arrested 2 civilians. At 06:15, the Israeli army reopened the road.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 16:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area of Abu Al ‘Ajin towards civilian houses in the areas of As Simeiri and Abu Haddaf.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians at Abu Holi checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Omar Ilayyan; and</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Shbeir.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attack:</u></b> At 21:00, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 6 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Tall as Sultan military checkpoint towards civilian houses in Tall as Sultan neighbourhood, injuring 1 child.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 02:30, the Israeli army raided Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army demolished 3 houses, each consisting of 3 storeys, and withdrew at 07:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> The Israeli army demolished 3 houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Adnan Ghariz;</li> <li>(ii) Fat’hi Al Ja’fari; and</li> <li>(iii) Salih Al Bashiti.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<p><b>HUNGER STRIKE IN ALL ISRAELI PRISONS</b></p>	<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 currently participating in the hunger strike. In the event the Israeli Prisons Services continue to impose severe measures on political prisoners, the prisoners threatened to escalate the hunger strike and refrain from drinking water. The Israeli Prisons Services confiscated cigarettes and table salt from political prisoners. Furthermore, the Israeli Prison Services have attempted to provoke political prisoners on hunger strike by grilling meat near their cells. Political prisoners have stated that if the prison administration does not respond to their demands, ill prisoners will participate in the hunger strike by refusing to take medications.</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> At 10:25, a sit-in tent was erected in front of the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.</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 1,177 workers; however, only 629 workers, 54% 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 5,125 workers; however, only 1,884 workers, 37% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 1,991 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>