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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 August 2004 – 08:00 18 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	8	9	Incl. 1 child, 5 from air attack
Injuries	12	6	18	Incl. 5 children & 3 run over
Air Attack	—	1	1	Several missiles from UAV
Attacks	8	4	12	5 during raids & 4 from mil. posts
Raids	31	2	33	Incl. ongoing position in Nablus
Air Patrols	1	1	2	1 reconnaissance & UAV in Gaza
Arrests (per person)	13	1	14	Incl. 3 children & 2 female civilians
Detentions	5	2	7	Dozens of civilians
House Demolitions	2	—	2	In Beit Hanina and Nablus
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Agricultural land
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	1 driving instruction vehicle, crops
House Occupations	2	—	2	In the village of Seida in Tulkarem
Curfews	4	—	4	Incl. 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)	(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	Expansion of Peduel
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. abduction of 1 child
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Incl. tearing off copies of Qur'an
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Open fire towards Pal. posts
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar towards Gadid
TOTAL	102	33	135	

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.
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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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues along the main road between Qalandiya checkpoint and Ar Ram, the area of Al Aqbat, north of the village of 'Anata, in the area between Jaba' and Hizma, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. (ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the town of Beit Hanina belonging to Na'im Gheith. The Israeli army also distributed notices to demolish 10 more houses.
<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/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army, including several patrols, raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area at various intervals. (ii) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Beitillu and imposed curfew. (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Arura, searched 1 house, and detained 4 brothers, including 1 officer. (iv) At 01:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched 1 house, and patrolled the area. (v) The Israeli army raided the villages of Kharbatha Al Misbah, Qibya and Budrus, searched several houses, and arrested 3 children in the

	<p>village of Kharbatha Al Misbah.</p> <p>(vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and arrested 1 female civilian.</p> <p>(vii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik and opened indiscriminate fire.</p> <p>(viii) The Israeli army raided the village of 'Abud. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the village of Kharbatha Al Misbah, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Ad Darraji; and (ii) Ayman Az Zuhdi. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Fa'iqah Badr, a female civilian, in the village of Beit Liqya.
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. The Israeli army remains to declare the city of Jenin a closed military zone. • 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) On 16 August 2004, the Israeli army closed the Wall gates to the villages of Barta'a and Um Ar Rihan. Residents of the villages of Um Ar Rihan, Dhahr Al Abed and Abdallah Yunis are now required to use the new Barta'a Wall gate crossing to cross by foot and to transfer commercial goods. • 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. • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and raided 1 sports club.
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.
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

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, in Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp and surrounded the National Association for Computers. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian, and detained 3 other civilians. At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the camp again and arrested 1 female civilian. (ii) At 22:20, an Israeli army infantry force raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (iii) At 01:50, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Ad Duheisha refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rasha Al Qassas, a female civilian; and (ii) Suleiman Mohammed Abu 'Alieh.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</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 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 Checkpoint: At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida, occupied 2 houses, and converted the houses into military posts. (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and opened indiscriminate fire. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Meithalun, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched several houses. (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, opened indiscriminate fire, raided 1 sports club, and searched several houses. The Israeli army withdrew at 05:00. • Air Patrol: At 14:00, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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/Curfews:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 04:00 on 16 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the city of Nablus and ‘Ein Beit El Ma refugee camp and continues to impose curfew on the old city of Nablus and ‘Ein Beit El Ma camp. The Israeli army searched several houses in ‘Ein Beit El Ma refugee camp and arrested 5 civilians. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the centre of the city of Nablus, during which the Israeli army killed 1 child and injured 9 civilians, including 5 children. The Israeli army demolished 1 house, using explosives, belonging to the family of a political prisoner, and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Salim, imposed curfew, and forced civilians between the ages of 16 and 40 years to assemble in the yard of the village school. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Khalid Jamal Al Ustah, 9 years old, in the city of Nablus. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in ‘Ein Beit El Ma refugee camp, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Ali Isma’il; (ii) Nadir Sadaqah; and (iii) Adnan Al Khabbas. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the old city of Nablus belonging to the family of Sultan at Tashtush, a political prisoner.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched several houses. (ii) The Israeli army raided Al ‘Arrub refugee camp, searched several houses, and detained 5 civilians. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Sa’ir and opened indiscriminate fire. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Civilians in the area of Wadi an Nasara in the old city of Hebron have reported increasing health problems as a result of sewage waste water flowing into the area from the settlement of Kiryat Arba’. (ii) A group of Israeli settlers tore apart and destroyed copies of the Qur’an in the Ibrahimi Mosque in the city of Hebron.

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</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 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. • Raid: At 12:10, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Qalqiliya. At 22:30, the Israeli army, included several patrols, raided the city again, searched several houses, arrested 2 civilians, and detained 6 others. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at 00:30. • Injuries: At 08:00, an Israeli army jeep collided with a civilian driving instruction vehicle west of the town of ‘Azzun, injuring 3 individuals, including 1 officer, and causing damage to the vehicle. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ‘Atif Ash Sharif; and (ii) Ahmed Ad Dalu.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</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: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Istiya and searched civilian vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, an Israeli army jeep raided and patrolled the village Khirbet Qeis. (ii) At 14:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area. (iii) At 00:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the towns of Haris and Kifl Haris and patrolled the area. • Settlement Activity/Land Levelling: On 16 August 2004, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land in the village of Deir Ballut near the settlement of Peduel for expansion of the settlement. • Settler Violence: The Israeli settler guard of the settlement of Barkan abducted Abdul Aziz Mar’i, 11 years old, as he was grazing sheep near the settlement. The Israeli guard released the Palestinian child after some time.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • Air Attack: At 00:25, an Israeli army UAV fired several missiles towards 1 house in Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood in Gaza city, killing 5 civilians and injuring 5 others. • Attack: At 11:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location, north of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city. • Killings: The Israeli army killed 5 civilians in Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood in Gaza city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fat'hi Sa'id Al Ja'bari; (ii) Burhan Ahmed Al Ja'bari; (iii) Salah Khalil Al Hayyeh; (iv) Ala' Ash Sharif; and (v) Mohammed Ahmed Al Ja'bari.
<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"> • Activities not yet reported.
<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 partially open to pedestrians only. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 19:40, and again at 21:50, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. • Attack: At 14:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Al Mahfutha military post towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the area of Al Qarara. • Raid: At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the area of Qizan Rashwan, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew from the area at 02:30. • Killing: At 09:00, Fadi Khalid Dukhan died of injuries sustained from the Israeli army 2 months ago near Al Tuffah checkpoint. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Jihad Jum'a Ash Sha'er in the area of Qizan Rashwan. • Palestinian Attack: At 19:55, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.

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 civilians under 16 years old and above 35 years old only. (iii) The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations north and south of the settlement of Morag towards 2 civilians near the Security Line, killing both civilians. (ii) At 17:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Tall as Sultan checkpoint towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan in the city of Rafah, injuring 1 civilian. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 17:30, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 meters into the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp and levelled land. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 civilians near the settlement of Morag: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fadi Duhan; and (ii) Shadi Al Laqqan.
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GENERAL

HUNGER STRIKE IN ALL ISRAELI PRISONS	<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. Prisoners in all Israeli central prisons are now participating in the hunger strike, including female prisoners in Ar Ramla and Nitsan Prisons, and child prisoners in Telmond Prison. 4,000 political prisoners are currently participating in the hunger strike. Political prisoners in Megiddo and 'Ofer Prisons announced that they would participate in the hunger strike for 24 hours.</p>
POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Israeli Measures against Hunger Strikers:</u> The Israeli Minister of Health issued directives to the Director of the Security Section in the Ministry not to receive political prisoners on hunger strike suffering from health problems. According to the Israeli Minister of Internal Security, the Israeli authorities will not respond to the demands of political prisoners, even if they die during their hunger strike. • <u>Activities in Support of Political Prisoner's Hunger Strike:</u> At 12:00, a general strike was observed throughout the city of Qalqiliya in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.

**WORK
PERMITS**

- **West Bank:**
 - (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.
- **Gaza Strip:**
 - (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross into the Industrial Zones for 1,177 workers; however, only 623 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 5,125 workers; however, only 2,341 workers, 46% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line.
 - (iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 1,991 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.