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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 August 2004 – 08:00 19 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	12	5	17	Incl. 7 children (2 from UXO)
Air Attacks	—	3	3	Incl. 1 battery factory
Attacks	8	6	14	6 during raids & 3 from mil. posts
Raids	17	2	19	Incl. ongoing position in Nablus
Air Patrols	1	5	6	Incl. combat aircraft & helicopters
Arrests (per person)	5	2	7	During raids and at checkpoints
Detentions	3	1	4	In Nablus and at 2 checkpoints
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	5	6	Incl. crops, blacksmiths' workshop
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Computers in Bethlehem
House Occupation	1	—	1	In Al Badhan in Nablus
Curfews	2	—	2	Nablus and 'Ein Beit al Ma' RC
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
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Medics detained in Nablus
Settlement Activity	—	1	1	Construction of new military post
Settler Violence	1	—	1	150 <i>dunums</i> of land burnt
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	3 Qassam mortars & 4 mortars
Demonstrations	9	3	12	In several districts
TOTAL	77	41	118	

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 the village of 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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of Ar Ram, south of Qalandiya checkpoint, detained dozens of civilians, and forced them to wait in the sun for an extended period of time. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place near Qalandiya checkpoint in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured several civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.
<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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, searched 1 house in the industrial zone, and withdrew at 04:05. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Wahbi Salih Ar Rifa'i in the village of Kafr 'Ein. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration including international peace activists took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</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. 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) Beginning 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided Al Far'a refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 7 civilians. The Israeli army delivered an evacuation notice to demolish 1 house belonging to a family killed by the Israeli army. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at 22:30. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, opened indiscriminate fire, and took position in several neighbourhoods until 05:00. • Injuries as a Result of UXO: At 13:30, an Israeli army UXO exploded in the town of Tammun as 2 children (brothers) were playing with the object, injuring and burning both children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bashar Mustafa Bsharat, 9 years old; and (ii) Anas Mustafa Bsharat, 10 years old. • Arrest: On 09 August 2004, the Israeli army arrested Ratib Ra'fat Lutfi Lubbadah at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Jaba'.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jenin in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Tubas in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons. (iii) A mass demonstration took place in the town of Silat Adh Dhahr in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and preventing civilians from crossing.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:10, and again at 02:15, an Israeli army patrol raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp and patrolled the area. (ii) At 00:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Husan and fired sound bombs towards civilian houses. (iii) At 02:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, raided the offices of a charitable association for women, confiscated computers from the offices, and withdrew at 03:30. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 20:30, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdullah 'Affunah at a flying checkpoint set up in the area between Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the city of Bethlehem. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
TULKAREM	<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

	<p>granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the settlement of Einav and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:05, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarem refugee camp. At 12:15, the Israeli army raided the camp again and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 child, and withdrew at 15:30. (ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, opened indiscriminate fire, and took position in several neighbourhoods until 15:30. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 09:00, Israeli army combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> Israeli settlers from the settlement of Avnei Hefetz set fire to approximately 150 <i>dunums</i> (37.5 acres) of agricultural land in the villages of Kafr Al Labad and Shufa. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:20, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
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/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 refugee camp. The Israeli army searched several houses, forced civilians between the ages of 16 and 35 years old to assemble in a school yard, and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army searched several houses in the old city of Nablus, detained Palestinian Medical Relief Committee medics in the old city, and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Badhan, detained several civilians, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.
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>Arrest:</u> At 01:30 on 18 August 2004, the Israeli army arrested Iyad Sha'ban Al Kranz in Al 'Arrub refugee camp, in addition to the 5 detained civilians reported yesterday.

<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. • Demonstration: At 12:00, and again at 18:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
<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. • Raid: At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Marda and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Samih Rasmi Khuffash in the village of Marda.

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 22:20, Israeli army helicopters fired several missiles towards 1 battery factory and 2 blacksmiths' workshops in the neighbourhood of Az Zaytoon in Gaza city. • Attack: At 02:30, Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards the eastern road, east of Gaza city. • Raid: At 02:10, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian Territory north of Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city, and closed the coastal road with dirt barricades. The coastal road was reopened after the Israeli army withdrew at 03:35. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 07:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. • Demonstration: At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in Gaza city in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons. • Palestinian Attack: At 16:55, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 20:35, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Deir Al Balah in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
KHAN YUNIS	<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 09:30, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint and arrested 2 civilians. • Attack: At 17:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in Al Amal and An Namsawi neighbourhoods, injuring 2 children. • New Military Post: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a new military post in place of Al Farra towers, destroyed during a previous incursion, near Al Mahfutha military checkpoint. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians at Abu Holi checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Akram Salahmeh Tayeh; and (ii) Tayseer Salameh Tayeh. • Demonstration: At 11:10, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Khan Yunis in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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. • Attack: At 13:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 9 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Block J in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 1 child. • Raid/Destruction of Property: At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 10 tanks, raided As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. Israeli army tanks and helicopters opened intensive fire, injuring 2 civilians. The Israeli army demolished 1 ice cream factory and 1 café, and withdrew from the area at 03:00.

GENERAL

<p>HUNGER STRIKE IN ALL ISRAELI PRISONS</p>	<p>Beginning on 15 August 2004, political prisoners in Israeli prisons continue to conduct an open-ended hunger strike in protest against the harsh conditions of imprisonment imposed by the Israeli Prisons Services. 4,000 political prisoners in Israeli central prisons are now participating in the hunger strike.</p>
<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prisoners' Health Conditions:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) An attorney from the Mandela Institute for Human Rights visited several ill political prisoners in Ar Ramla and Galboa' Prison hospitals. The attorney confirmed that several ill political prisoners are in critical condition and require immediate medical treatment and surgical procedures. However, the prison administration continues to postpone provision of medical treatment for the ill prisoners. (ii) The family of 'Atif Daraghmeh, a political prisoner, appealed to local and international human rights organizations to intervene in order to assist their relative being held in Bir as Sabe' Prison, who is suffering from kidney failure and requires immediate medical attention. • <u>Activities in Support of Political Prisoner's Hunger Strike:</u> A sit-in tent was erected in the town of Beit Lahiya in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ol 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 5,200 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 2,000 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.