

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 August 2004 – 08:00 20 August 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	<b>2</b>	1 child and 1 elderly civilian
Injuries	5	6	<b>11</b>	Incl. 6 children (2 critically)
Attacks	4	8	<b>12</b>	4 during raids & 4 from mil. posts
Raids	22	4	<b>26</b>	Incl. ongoing position in Nablus
Air Patrols	3	4	<b>7</b>	1 reconnaissance and 6 helicopters
Arrests (per person)	8	—	<b>8</b>	7 during raids and 1 at Al Karama
Detentions	1	2	<b>3</b>	In Deir Ghassana and at Abu Holi
House Demolitions	—	6	<b>6</b>	Yabna in Rafah refugee camp
Wall Construction	15	—	<b>15</b>	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 door destroyed in Ramallah
Confiscation of Property	2	—	<b>2</b>	Printed material
House Occupations	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. 1 in Hebron
Curfews	2	—	<b>2</b>	Old city and Al 'Ein RC in 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)	(6)	—	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
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	<b>1</b>	Worshippers forced to exit mosque
Palestinian Attacks	—	1	<b>1</b>	2 Qassam mortars
Demonstrations	2	—	<b>2</b>	In solidarity with prisoners
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>105</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 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 villages of Jaba' and Hizma, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya.</li> <li>(ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order.</li> </ul> </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 12:00, an Israeli army helicopter dispatched infantry troops near the neighbourhood of Sat'h Marhaba, east of the city of El Bireh. At 14:00, the Israeli troops withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iv) At 05:30, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Ghassana, and forced worshippers to leave the town mosque during morning prayers. The Israeli army searched several houses, arrested 3 civilians, and withdrew at 08:00.</li> <li>(v) At 18:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and raided 1 café. At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the city again, raided 1</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>civilian building after destroying its main gate, raided a print shop, and confiscated printed material.</p> <p>(vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha Al Misbah and searched several houses.</p> <p>(vii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Injuries as a Result of UXO:</u></b> At 20:00, an Israeli army UXO exploded in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of ‘Ein Yabrud as 2 children were playing with the object, injuring and burning both children:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mu’ath Mohammed Abdullah ‘Odeh, 10 years old, (whose hand was amputated and remains in critical condition); and</li> <li>(ii) Yousef Samarah Mustafa Samarah, 11 years old.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Mustafa Hassam ‘Amirah in the city of Ramallah.</li> </ol> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Deir Ghassana:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Yousef Abdul Halim Dowud;</li> <li>(iii) Sharif Murad Ar Rabi; and</li> <li>(iv) Yousef Ash Sha’bi.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army arrested Tahsin Mustafa Naji in the village of Kafr Malik.</li> </ol> </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 remains to declare 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>Attack:</u></b> At 16:00, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire in the area between the towns of Al Yamun and Kafr Dan.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 02:30 on 19 August 2004, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and opened indiscriminate fire.</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, and preventing civilians from crossing.</li> <li>• <b><u>Injuries as a Result of UXO:</u></b> At 17:30, an Israeli army UXO exploded in a former Israeli army military post in the village of Ad Duyuk, injuring 1 child.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Ala' Mohammed Zidan, a college student, at the Karama Crossing (Allenby Bridge) as he was travelling to Egypt to pursue his education.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 10:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jericho in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:20, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:30, Israeli Special Forces raided Al 'Aza refugee camp, arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian Police officer, and withdrew at 02:10.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in Al 'Aza refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Mustafa An Najjar; and</li> <li>(ii) Firas Jihad Al 'Adwin.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.</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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al Atara and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the settlement of Einav, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilians' movement.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:45, an Israeli army helicopter dispatched infantry troops near the town of Bal'a.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:00, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of 'Anabta and opened indiscriminate fire.</li> <li>(iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, raided 1 print shop, confiscated a large quantity of printing paper and folders, and withdrew at 03:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrol:</u></b> At 15:20, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs.</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/Curfews:</u></b> 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 civilian houses and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>• <b><u>Injuries as a Result of UXO:</u></b> At 10:30, an Israeli army UXO exploded near an oil factory in the city of Nablus as 2 children were playing with the object, injuring and burning both children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Iyad Jamal Al Madani, 14 years old (in critical condition); and</li> <li>(iv) Baha' Isma'il Al Madani, 12 years old.</li> </ul> </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 city of Hebron, occupied 1 civilian building under construction, and converted it into a military post.</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</li> </ul>

	<p>economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and searched several houses and commercial shops.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</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.</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>Raid:</b> At 11:50, and again at 17:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.</li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:50, Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards Ash Shuhada' cemetery, east of the town of Jabalya.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:00, Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards agricultural land north of the towns of Beit Hanun and Beit Lahiya.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 17:55, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks, raided the area of Abu Safiya, east of the town of Jabalya.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 14:45, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) The Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road in closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 17:05, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided the area south of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction and closed Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road with dirt barricades. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not yet reported.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<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) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open to pedestrians only.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 15:00, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint and opened fire towards civilians, injuring 2 civilians. The road was reopened at 06:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 09:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the Mahfutha military post towards civilian houses in the area of Al Qarara, injuring 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Abu Al 'Ajin, north of the city of Khan Yunis, occupied several houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army forced civilians between the ages of 16 and 50 to evacuate their homes, assemble in a yard, and then interrogated them.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:20, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers supported by helicopters, raided the area of Al Barabkha in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, opened intensive fire, injuring 2 civilians, demolished 6 houses, and withdrew at 02:30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>House Demolitions:</b> The Israeli army demolished 6 houses in the area of Al Barabkha in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ali Abu Shammaleh;</li> <li>(ii) Hamdan Abu Al Luli;</li> <li>(iii) Abdullah Az Zarabi;</li> <li>(iv) Fat'hi Az Zarabi;</li> <li>(v) Moahmmed Az Zarabi; and</li> <li>(vi) Mousa Abu Rizq.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<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>Attack:</b> At 14:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 8 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp, killing 1 civilian and injuring 1 child. At 20:50, the Israeli army opened fire again, killing 1 elderly civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Killings:</b> The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Abdullah Al Hamayidah, 65 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Ahmed Abdul Fattah Al Hams.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**GENERAL**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HUNGER STRIKE IN ALL ISRAELI PRISONS</b></p>	<p>Beginning on 15 August 2004, and for the 7<sup>th</sup> consecutive days, political prisoners in all Israeli prisons, including female prisoners in Ar Ramla and Nitsat Prisons and child prisoners in Telmond Prison, 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 continue to participate in the hunger strike.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Israeli Pressure on Political Prisoners:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The administration of the Nafha Prison confiscated all political prisoners clothing, leaving each political prisoner with only one set of clothing. The prison administration also confiscated all kitchen utensils and transferred dozens of prisoners from one prison section and cell to another inside the prison.</li> <li>(ii) In an attempt to suppress and end political prisoner's open-ended hunger strike, the administration of Bir as Sabe' Prison isolated 20 political prisoners.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>