

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 August 2004 – 08:00 21 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Civilians severely beaten
Injuries	1	1	2	Incl. 1 child
Attacks	8	5	13	7 during raids & 1 from mil. posts
Raids	17	1	18	Incl. ongoing position in Nablus
Air Patrols	—	4	4	North of B. Lahiya and B. Hanun
Arrests (per person)	1	4	5	During raids
Detention	1	—	1	Several civilians in Hebron
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	400 <i>dunums</i> in Al Khadr
House Occupations	5	—	5	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem & 1 in Hebron
Curfews	2	—	2	Old city and Al 'Ein RC in 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	—	5	5	3 partially open
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	1 settlement outpost in Al Khadr
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar towards Gadid
Demonstrations	9	2	11	Incl. throughout the West Bank
TOTAL	47	23	70	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<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

JERUSALEM	<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 prohibited worshipers from other districts from accessing Jerusalem, and prevented civilians under 45 years old from entering Al Aqsa Mosque compound to perform Friday prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque, forcing many civilians to conduct prayers near the outer gates of the Mosque and at checkpoints. • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. (ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu remains suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 was suspended for the weekend in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah. At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 civilian building, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 22:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Beit 'Ur at Tahta and opened fire towards civilians, injuring 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Bashir Ash Sheikh in the city of Ramallah.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
JENIN	<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. The Israeli army remains to declare the city of Jenin a closed military zone. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, patrolled several neighbourhoods, and withdrew at 05:00. (ii) An Israeli army patrol raided the village of Abu Da'if and patrolled the area. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 20:00, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers in the city of Jenin 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. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers in the city of Jericho in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
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 was suspended for the weekend 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Ubeidiya. (ii) At 17:15, an Israeli army patrol raided ‘Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> Israeli settlers from the settlement of Elazar confiscated 400 <i>dunums</i> (100 acres) of land southwest of the town of Al Khadr and constructed a settlement outpost on the land. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 31:30, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers 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 granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, occupied 3 houses, and converted them into military posts. At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened indiscriminate fire, and took position in several neighbourhoods. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire before it withdrew at 06:00. (ii) At 23:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Qaffin, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers 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> 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 withdrew at 10:15. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city and camp again, occupied several civilian buildings, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army re-imposed curfew on the old city of Nablus and ‘Ein Beit El Ma refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers in the city of Nablus in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.

<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after forcing residents to evacuate. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta. • Detention: The Israeli army escalated military measures in the old city of Hebron and in the area surrounding the Ibarhimi Mosque. The Israeli army prevented civilians from accessing the Ibrahimi Mosque to perform Friday prayers, detained several civilians, held civilians against walls until prayers were over, and severely beat several others. • Demonstration: At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers in the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
<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 23:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area. • Demonstration: At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers 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 21:30, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Salfit, set up a checkpoint in the area between the city and the village of Farkha, and withdrew from the area at 23:10. • Demonstration: At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers in the city of Salfit in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.

GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • Attacks: At 09:10, and again at 20:35, Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards Palestinian Territory north of the towns of Beit Hanun and Beit Lahiya. • Demonstrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:35, a mass demonstration took place in Jabalya refugee camp in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons. (ii) At 21:20, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beit Lahiya in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
<p>GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) The Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal road in closed. The road was reopened at 09:00. (iii) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 16:40, the Israeli army raided Palestinian Territory in the city of Deir Al Balah and arrested 4 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Deir Al Balah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sameer Al Loh; (ii) Faris Al Loh; (iii) Yousef As Satri; and (iv) Hammam Abu Al 'Ajlin.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajlin 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. • Palestinian Attack: At 00:45, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 00:35, 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, injuring 1 child.
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GENERAL

<p>HUNGER STRIKE IN ALL ISRAELI PRISONS</p>	<p>Beginning on 15 August 2004, 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>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Israeli Measures against Hunger Strike:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli Minister of Internal Security reiterated that the Israeli government would not respond to political prisoners' demands even if they die of hunger. (ii) Sheikh Rajab at Tamimi, Chief of Religious Judges, and Archimandrite Atallah Hanna submitted a letter to the American Consulate General, asking the US government to intervene and pressure the Israeli government to halt its harsh measures against Palestinian political prisoners. (iii) The Israeli Prisons Services transferred political prisoners Marwan Al Barghuthi, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, to a new isolation cell near Israeli criminal prisoners, endangering his life.