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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 09 July 2004 – 08:00 10 July 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian in Tulkarem RC
Incursion	—	1	1	Beit Hanun
Attacks	3	5	8	Incl. 7 tank shells & from helicptr.
Raids	19	2	21	
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Helicopters over Beit Hanun
Arrests (per person)	101	1	102	Incl. 1 female child, 100 workers
Detention	—	1	1	Dozens of civilians at Abu Holi
House Demolitions	—	4	4	3 in Khan Yunis, 1 in Beit Hanun
Land Levelling	—	2	2	Jabalya, Qizan an Najjar
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	Crops in Jabalya and Qizan Najjar
House Occupations	2	(Several)	2	Iktaba, Balata RC, Beit Hanun
Curfew	—	1	1	Beit Hanun
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)	—	—	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	2 Partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Open fire towards security post
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	6 mortars
Demonstrations	3	—	3	In Bethlehem, 'Ayda RC, Zawiya
TOTAL	129	30	159	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	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 prevented worshippers from other districts from accessing the city of Jerusalem for Friday prayers, forcing civilians to pray at checkpoints. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Abu Dis, Al Eizariya, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, along the main road between Jerusalem and Ramallah (Dahiyat Al Bareed, Ar Ram), the villages of Qatanna and Biddu, the area surrounding Qalandiya Airport and the village of Anata. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested over than 100 workers inside the Green Line in the settlement of Btach Tikva, claiming they did not possess work permits.
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. • Raid: At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana and the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid and patrolled the area. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at 04:00.
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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact

	<p>economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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. • Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and arrested 1 female child in Jenin refugee camp. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at 03:45. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 16 year old Ayah Mohammed 'Oweis in Jenin refugee camp.
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, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Jericho a closed military zone.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo) and road #60 towards the village of Husan. (ii) The Israeli Supreme Court ruled for the cancellation of construction of a portion of the Wall in the area parallel to 'Ayda refugee camp. • Raid: At 11:10, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Bethlehem. At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. • Demonstration: At 18:00, 2 mass demonstrations took place in the city of Bethlehem and 'Ayda refugee camp in protest against construction of the Wall and in support of the ICJ ruling. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in 'Ayda refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured several civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.
TULKAREM	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Attack: At 09:05, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at the DCO towards civilian houses in the city of Tulkarem. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:05, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, opened indiscriminate fire and took position in several neighbourhoods. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at 07:00. (ii) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and took position at its northern entrance. The Israeli army severely beat 1 civilian, who was later transferred to hospital for injuries sustained during the attack. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at 07:00. (iii) At 17:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Iktaba, occupied 1 civilian house and converted it into a military post. (iv) At 22:30, an Israeli army jeep raided the towns of Bal'a and 'Anabta and patrolled the area.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:25, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp and occupied 1 civilian house and converted it into a military post. At 22:55, the Israeli army raided the camp again. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and patrolled the area.
HEBRON	<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. • Raid: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods.
QALQILYA	<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 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya and patrolled the area.

SALFIT	<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 construction of the Wall west of the village of Iskaka, north of the city of Salfit (surrounding the settlement of Ariel) and in the villages of Al Zawiya and Deir Ballut was suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order to halt construction in the area pending hearing of the case before the court. • Raid: At 17:50, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area. • Demonstration: At 13:30, a mass demonstration including peace activists took place in the village of Az Zawiya in protest against construction of the Wall.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • Incursion/Curfew: Beginning at 02:30 on 08 July 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of Beit Hanun after imposing a military siege and isolating the town from all other districts since 28 June 2004. The Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the town and occupy several houses after converting them into military posts. Israeli army tanks and helicopters opened intensive fire. The Israeli army demolished a 3-storey house and arrested 1 civilian. At 08:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the town, but continues to impose a siege and isolate the town from all other districts as of 08:00 this morning. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 10:25, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian Territory near Point 61 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya and levelled agricultural land. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mahdi Mohammed Al Basioni in the town of Beit Hanun. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished a 3-storey house in the town of Beit Hanun belonging to Na'el Ash Shawish. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:45, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 18:10, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 07:20, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Eli Sinai.
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<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) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 16:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location south of Ash Shuhada' junction, southeast Gaza city.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not as yet reported.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (iv) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (v) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (vi) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 10:00, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. At 11:00, the Israeli army reopened the road. • Attack: At 16:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Neve Kadim towards civilian houses in the western neighbourhood. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 09:00, the Israeli army, accompanied by several bulldozers, raided the area of Qizan an Najjar, demolished 3 houses and levelled agricultural land. • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 3 houses in the area of Qizan an Najjar belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Salah Ash Sha'er; (ii) Musleh Ash Sha'er; and (iii) Jum'ah Ash Sha'er. • Palestinian Attack: At 21:15, 1 Qassam 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 closed to civilians between the ages of 16 - 35. (iii) The Sufa crossing is closed. • Attack: At 16:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 7 tanks shells from its location at Point 9 on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Yabna refugee camp.

GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strip Searches: ‘Adala, a human rights/legal aid organisation, petitioned the commissioner of the Israeli Prisons Authority and the government legal advisor to rule for the Israeli Prisons Authority to abide by international law and to cease forcing political prisoners to strip during regular searches and humiliating political prisoners.
<p>WORK PRIMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 4,422 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross into the Industrial Zones for 999 workers; however, only 599 workers, 60% 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 1,061 workers; however, only 891 workers, 84% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line on 06 July 2004.
<p>ISRAELI INCITEMENT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incitement by Israeli Officials: In a report submitted to the Israeli Knesset, Avi Dikhter, Head of the Israeli General Security Services (Shin Bet), claimed that Palestinians living in East Jerusalem form a major reserve for “terrorism”. Dikhter continued that 4 out of every 10,000 residents in Jerusalem are directly involved in acts of “terrorism”. Taken from a report on 04 July 2004 in Al Ayyam Daily Newspaper. • Incitement in Israeli Media: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Website: www.israelnationalnews.com, 24 June 2004: In an article titled “Trip to an Island”, journalist Irlin Bik attacked Muslims, describing them as ‘barbaric, extremists and narrow-minded’. Bik also claimed that Muslim males treat women as beasts and that good Muslims do not exist. website: (ii) Yediot Ahranot Israeli Newspaper, 25 June 2004: Author, Shim’on Shiffer, attempted to create discord between Palestinian and Egyptian leaderships by claiming that Egyptians take into account that President Yasser Arafat has allowed Palestinian factions to assault the Egyptians and highlight the role played by Egypt as a subcontractor to protect the security of Israel.

	<p>(iii) Website: www.yesha.org.il, 01 July 2004: In an article titled “Military Triumph before Disengagement”, Professor Gerald Brimen attacked successive Israeli governments for not assassinating President Yasser Arafat. Brimen claimed that Sharon has prevented the Israeli army from attaining overwhelming victory in the war waged against Palestinian “terrorists”.</p> <p>(iv) Website: www.israelnationalnews.com, 01 July 2004: Author Gari Fitelberg described President Yasser Arafat as a corrupt, extremist, fundamentalist and cruel dictator who heads a corrupt organization. Fitelberg also attacked Arab states for their continuous efforts to unite and found the Arab Palestinian nation and Arab peoples through a media and political campaign. He further depicted the Arab peoples as extremists, false and evil.</p>
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