

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 17 July 2004 – 08:00 18 July 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	In Balata refugee camp
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Civilian beaten at checkpoint, Beth
Injuries	3	2	5	Incl. 1 female civilian
Attacks	3	5	8	Incl. 2 during raids
Raids	11	2	13	Incl. isolation of Beit Hanun
Arrests (per person)	4	—	4	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	2	—	2	Incl. 9 children at Qalandiya chpnt.
House Demolitions	—	—	—	Demolition warnings in Aqqaba
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural lands in Beit Hanun
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	In Beit Hanun and Beit Lahiya
House Occupations	—	2	2	In 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)	—	(All)	
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Stones thrown at civilian houses
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Open fire at security post
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against the Wall in Qalqiliya
TOTAL	42	19	61	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<p>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.</p>
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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: Wall construction was resumed 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. • Detention: The Israeli army detained 9 children for an extended period of time at Qalandiya checkpoint as they were travelling to the town of Ar Ram to participate in a summer camp.
<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 was resumed in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Ghassana and searched vehicles.
<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. • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Arraba and the village of Kufeirit and on the main road between the town of Ya'bad and the village of Barta'a, searched vehicles, and impeded the movement of civilians. • <u>House Demolition Warnings:</u> The Israeli authorities distributed demolition warnings to the owners of 3 houses, 3 barracks, and 1 shop in the village of Aqqaba, claiming that the structures are not licensed.
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 prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Jericho a closed military zone and prevented civilians carrying Israeli ID cards from entering the city, including tourist bus drivers.
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Construction of the Wall was resumed 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Ayda camp and searched 1 house. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur and searched 1 building. (iv) At 07:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 03:30, the Israeli army physically assaulted and seriously injured Osama Melhem Uliyan at the Bilal Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) checkpoint.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Jamal Hassan Suman in the city of Bethlehem. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Marwan Sayel Salah in the town of Al Khadr.
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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded the movement of civilians. The Israeli army withdrew at 16:00. (ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Shuwika, searched vehicles, and examined passenger IDs. The Israeli army withdrew at 16:00.
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>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 1 civilian and injured 2 others. At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the camp again and took position at its entrance. The Israeli army remains positioned in the camp as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Yasser Khalil Tantawi in Balata refugee camp. • <u>Detention:</u> The Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians, including children and the elderly, for an extended period of time at a checkpoint set up on the main Nablus-Ramallah road near the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqiya.
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>Settler Violence:</u> Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Ramat Yashay, located in Tal al Rumeida in the city of Hebron, threw stones at civilian houses.

<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. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the village of Izbat At Tabib: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hussam Ahmad Radwan, 14 years old; and (ii) Abd Ar Rahman Yusef Shabtieh, 14 years old. • Demonstration: At 15:30, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Izbat At Tabib against the continued construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army opened fire with rubber coated steel bullets, fired tear gas, and arrested 2 children.
<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 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 due to changes in the route of the Wall following an Israeli Supreme Court order. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, and again at 15:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit. (ii) At 02:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the village of Deir Istiya, opened indiscriminate fire, and injured 1 civilian.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire near a Palestinian National Security location west of the town of Beit Lahiya and damaged the electricity network. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the area east of the town of Jabalya. • Raid/Land Levelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 18:30 on 28 June 2004, the Israeli army continues to impose a military siege on the town of Beit Hanun and isolate the town
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	<p>from all other districts. The Israeli army levelled agricultural land on the outskirts of the town, occupied 2 houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army continues to impose a siege on the area as of 08:00 this morning.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles, raided 400 meters in the area northeast of Maqbarat Al Shuhada'a, east of the town of Jabalya, and opened indiscriminate fire.</p>
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 20:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the outskirts of the settlement of Tal Kateef towards civilian houses in Al Baraka area, south of the city of Deir Al Balah, and injured 1 female civilian.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. Abu Holi road is partially open.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Gaza International Airport remains closed. The Rafah crossing is partially open for whom under the age of 16 and above the age of 35. The Sufa Crossing is partial open to construction cargo only. • Attack: At 14:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 6 on the Egyptian borders towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood, injuring 1 civilian.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Negligence: Palestinian political prisoners held in Ar Ramla Prison Hospital have been subject to physical assaults, humiliation, and medical negligence by the Israeli prison administration. • Family Visits: Relatives of political prisoners from the city of Hebron organized a demonstration in front of the headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the city, protesting against the Israeli authorities continued prevention of family visits.
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