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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 August 2004 – 08:00 01 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	5 shepherds beaten by settlers
Injuries	6	3	9	Incl. 5 civilians injured by settlers
Attacks	5	5	10	5 during raids, 4 from mil. posts
Raids	23	2	25	Incl. ongoing position in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	28	5	33	Incl. 4 children and 4 officers
Detentions	4	1	5	Incl. ambulance medics
House Demolitions	2	5	7	Incl. 2 apartments in Hebron
Land Levelling	—	2	2	In Wadi Gaza and Rafah
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	3	5	Incl. 2 sheep & 2 dogs slaughtered
House Occupations	3	—	3	1 in Silat Ad Dhahr, 2 in Balata RC
Curfew	1	—	1	In the village of Beitillu
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	2 partially open
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	1 ambulance and medics detained
School Disruption	1	—	1	Raid on Burqa School
Settlement Activity	—	1	1	Construction of 1 km. long road
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Shepherds beaten
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Open fire towards Pal. post
Demonstrations	4	—	4	In solidarity with prisoners
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	5	Incl. suicide attack in Bir as Sabe'
TOTAL	97	38	135	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, 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. • 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 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. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Hanina and Shu'fat and arrested several civilians holding Palestinian Authority-issued IDs, claiming that they were present in the city of Jerusalem. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested an unknown number of unidentified civilians in the city of Jerusalem.
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 continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Beitillu, imposed curfew, and searched several houses. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched 1 house in the town of Beit Rima, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army arrested Lu'ai Abdul Hafith Khalid, a Palestinian National Security officer, at a checkpoint set up at 'Atara overpass.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Bashir Zaghoul Ar Rimawi in the town of Beit Rima.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
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 education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Buqei'a-Tammun road, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 03:30 on 31 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the city of Jenin, arrested 5 civilians, and withdrew at 09:30. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr, occupied 1 house overlooking the Jenin-Nablus main road near the school compound in the town, surrounded the house with barbed wire, and converted it into a military post after evacuating residents from the third floor. The Israeli army remains positioned in the house as of 08:00 this morning. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilian in the city of Jenin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Abdullah 'Abudi; (ii) Adib Mahmoud 'Abudi; (iii) Khalid Mahmoud 'Abudi; (iv) Abdullah Mahmoud 'Abudi; and (v) Mohammed Mahmoud 'Abudi. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Bassam Ahmed Abdullah Bani 'Odeh at a checkpoint set up on Al Buqei'a-Tammun road.
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.

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<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 19:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, set up 3 checkpoints on the road to the city of Bethlehem, and prevented civilians from exiting the city. At 20:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided Al 'Aza refugee camp, searched several houses, arrested 4 civilians, including 3 children, and withdrew at 04:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in Al 'Aza refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mousa Abdul Karim Al 'Ajuz, 16 years old; (ii) Mohammed Sami Al 'Aza, 16 years old; (iii) Mohammed Fu'ad Al 'Adwin, 16 years old; and (iv) Mohammed Kayid An Nashash.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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 education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until 06:00. (ii) At 16:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Shufa, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. (iv) At 01:00, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area until 06:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 20:20, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:40 on 30 August 2004, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Burqa, raided the secondary school in the village, ordered the headmaster to prevent students from committing violations, and threatened to open fire towards students who throw stones at Israeli army patrols. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 civilian, occupied 2 houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also detained 1 ambulance at the northern entrance to the camp, forced medics to step out of the ambulance, and detained them for an extended period of time. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army arrested Rami Taqtqah, a Palestinian military attorney general, at Huwwara checkpoint.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00 on 30 August 2004, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, searched several houses, and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. (ii) At 01:00 on 30 August 2004, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and arrested 3 individuals, including 1 Palestinian Police officer. (iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, took position in several neighbourhoods, and set up checkpoints at all entrances to the city. The Israeli army surrounded 2 civilian buildings and demolished 2 apartments using explosives belonging to the families of Ahmed Abdul 'Afu Al Qawasmeh and Mohammed Ali Al Ja'bari, who carried out the suicide attacks on 2 buses in Bir As Sabe' inside the Green Line. The Israeli army remains positioned in the city as of 08:00 this morning. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Surif, searched several houses, causing damage to furniture in 1 house, and arrested 3 civilians. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Kharas and arrested 1 civilian. (vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura. Confrontations took place

	<p>between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Demolitions: The Israeli army destroyed 2 apartments using explosives belonging to the families of the 2 individuals who carried out the suicide attacks in Bir As Sabe': <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Abdul 'Afu Al Qawasmeh; and (ii) Mohammed Ali Al Ja'bari. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Al 'Arrub refugee camp: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Abdul Latif Abu Sil, 17 years old; (ii) Hassan Mohammed 'Adawi; and (iii) Munthir Hashim Al Haramah. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 individuals in the town of Beit Ula:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Mohammed Abdul 'Afu Al 'Amleh, a Palestinian Police officer; (v) Asad Sadiq Al 'Amleh; and (vi) Abdul Fattah Salah Al 'Amleh. <p>At 03:30 on 31 August 2004, during raids on the town of Yatta, the Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in addition to those reported yesterday:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (vii) Nadir Khalil An Najjar; (viii) Fadl Isma'il An Najjar; (ix) Faris Mousa An Najjar; (x) Raed Mousa An Najjar; and (xi) Khalid Al Mahamdeh. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Surif:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (xii) Mohammed Ibrahim Abu Al Hor; (xiii) Mushir Fariq Abu Sharib; and (xiv) An unidentified civilian. (xv) The Israeli army arrested Basil 'Uthman Al Hurub in the village of Kharas. • Detention: At 08:00, the Israeli army detained 3 cleaners from the Municipality of Hebron in the old city of Hebron and held them against a wall until 09:30.
<p>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 education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • Flying Checkpoint: At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sir and searched civilians and vehicles. • Demonstration: At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.

SALFIT	<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 Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 09:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit and travelled to the city of Ramallah by buses in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike in Israeli prisons.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Beit Hanun Crossing is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army opened fire from its position in the Industrial Zone/Beit Hanun towards 1 civilian, injuring the civilian and then arresting him. (ii) At 12:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 34 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested 1 unidentified injured civilian in the Industrial Zone/Beit Hanun.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction, south of Gaza city. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 03:00 on 31 August 2004, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 100 on the Green Line, opened intensive fire, levelled agricultural land, and demolished 1 house. The Israeli army also destroyed 1 Palestinian National Security location and began construction of an Israeli settler bypass road, measuring 1 km. in length. At 21:25, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished 1 house in Wadi Gaza belonging to a civilian known as Abu Sa'id.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 13:05, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint, opened fire towards civilians, injuring 2, and arrested 4 individuals, including 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. The road was reopened at 17:00. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 4 individuals at Abu Holi checkpoint, including Samih Hijazi, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:25, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 07:45, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. At 08:00, another mortar was fired towards the settlement.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open only to civilians under 16 and above 35 years old. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 10 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory west of the neighbourhood of Zu'rub, demolished 4 houses, levelled 2 <i>dunums</i> (0.5 acres) of agricultural land, and withdrew at 04:20. • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 4 houses west of the neighbourhood of Zu'rub belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Kamal Sabri Barikah; (ii) Khalid Khalid Barikah; (iii) Hussein As Satri; and (iv) Mahir Sabri Barikah.

GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hunger Strike:</u> Beginning on 15 August 2004, political prisoners in Israeli central prisons continue to conduct an open-ended hunger strike in protest against the harsh conditions of imprisonment imposed by the Israeli Prisons Service. • <u>Prisoners' Health Conditions:</u> 17 female political prisoners on hunger strike in Ar Ramlah Prison suffer from a continued deterioration of their health as a result of the prison administration's refusal to provide necessary medication and treatment. The Israeli prison administration has attempted to pressure female political prisoners to break their hunger strike in return for medical treatment. • <u>Measures against Political Prisoners:</u> The Israeli Supreme Court rejected a petition to return table salt and milk to political prisoners on hunger strike. The Court claimed that the human body requires table salt only 2 weeks after starting a hunger strike, and that milk is not among the basic food supplies offered by the Israeli Prisons Service. • <u>Suspension of Hunger Strike:</u> 700 political prisoners in Shatta and Galboa' Prisons suspended their hunger strike for 4 days after the Israeli prison administration met their demands, excluding access to telephones. • <u>General Strike:</u> A general strike was observed in the city of Nablus in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike.
<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 4,639 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) The Israeli authorities continue to refuse work permits for workers in the district of Jericho to cross the Green Line. (iii) The Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli authorities renewed 1,267 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. On 31 August 2004, however, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) The Israeli authorities renewed 5,083 work permits for workers to cross the Green Line; however, only 400 workers (8% of the total number of permits issued) were permitted to cross the Green Line. (iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 2,609 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line. (iv) The Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits only to civilians from the Gaza Strip who are married with children and between 30 – 35 years old.