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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 01 August 2004 – 08:00 02 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	9	10	Incl. 1 child and 1 female civilian
Air Attacks	—	2	2	2 missiles on An Namsawi neighb.
Attacks	3	7	10	2 during raids, 3 from mil. posts
Raids	19	5	24	Incl. contd. presence in Abu Arif
Air Patrols	1	2	3	Helicopters over Salfit & K. Yunis
Arrests (per person)	21	—	21	Incl. 1 child and 4 officers
Detentions	2	1	3	Incl. civilians in Hebron
House Demolitions	—	2	2	In An Namsawi neighbourhood
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. Min. of Info searched, Hebron
House Occupations	—	2	2	Incl. several houses in Abu Arif
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Hebron 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
Attack on Religious Sites	1	1	2	Incl. partial demolition of mosque
School Disruption	1	—	1	Several students detained
Settler Violence	1	—	1	1 female civilian injured
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Demonstrations	3	—	3	In solidarity w/political prisoners
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	4 Qassam mortars
TOTAL	70	41	111	

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: <ol 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. • Flying Checkpoint/School Disruption: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Samwil, the only entrance to the villages northwest of the city of Jerusalem, detained dozens of civilians, including school students, and prevented them from reaching their schools at the beginning of the new academic year.
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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 01:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 02:00. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Sabri Yaseen in the city of Ramallah.

	<p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silwad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mohammed Na'im Hammad; and (iii) 'Awad Molubi Hammad. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 13:20, 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.
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.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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 presence in the villages illegal. • Wall Construction: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 05:00 on 1 September 2004, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:00. (iii) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 03:30. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mu'taz Mahmoud Jadu in 'Ayda refugee camp.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:20, and again at 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and patrolled the area until 06:00. (ii) At 20:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Izbat Al Jarad and patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:10, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarem refugee camp and arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in Tulkarem refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Mohammed 'Awad, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer; and (ii) 'Awad Ibrahim 'Awad. • Demonstration: At 12:00, 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"> • 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 20:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and arrested 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer and 1 child. (ii) At 20:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Imrin. (iii) At 07:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Qusin and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omar Al Jamous, 15 years old; and (ii) Ghassan Mohammed Ad Dir', a Palestinian General Security officer. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Abdul 'Aziz Ash Shanti in the village of Qusin. • Settler Violence: At 19:55, an Israeli settler opened fire on the Samaria highway towards Sawsan Rashid Raja, a female civilian, injuring her.

<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. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00 on 31 August 2004, the Israeli army raided the area of ‘Arab Ar Ramadin, south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) Beginning at 16:00 on 31 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the city of Hebron and continues to take position in several neighbourhoods. The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians, all relatives of the 2 individuals who carried out a suicide attack on 31 August 2004 in the city of Bir As Sabe’ inside the Green Line. The Israeli army also raided offices in the Palestinian Ministry of Information, forced civilians and employees evacuate the offices, detained them, and examined their IDs. The Israeli army surrounded 1 mosque as worshippers were performing evening prayers, examined their IDs, and arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army continues to close all entrances to the city and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 10 individuals in the city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdullah Is’eifan, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Basim Yousif Al Ka’ki; (iii) Mahir Abdul ‘Afu Al Qawasmeh; (iv) Mohammed ‘Afu Al Qawasmeh; (v) Mahmoud ‘Afu Al Qawasmeh; (vi) Ali Abdul Ghani Al Ja’bari; (vii) Na’im Abdul Ghani Al Ja’bari; (viii) Basim Abdul Ghani Al Ja’bari; (ix) Adham Abdul Ghani Al Ja’bari; and (x) Khalid Al Ja’bari; (xi) The Israeli army arrested Ali Mleihat, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the area of Arab Ar Ramadin.
<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 education, economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. • 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"> • 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and set up a checkpoint on the road between the city and the village of Farkha. At 18:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army patrolled the area until 03:30. (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, searched 1 house, damaged the contents of the house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Rami Issam Suleiman in the village of Marda.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 15:00, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards the beach in the area of As Sudaniya west of the town of Beit Lahiya.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem remains closed. • Attack: At 23:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location east of Gaza city. • Raid: At 23:45, an Israeli army tank raided Palestinian territory east of Ash Shuhada' junction south of Gaza city and took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location. • Palestinian Attack: At 19:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 06:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Abu 'Arif north of the settlement of Kfar Darom, south of the city of Deir Al Balah, searched a number of houses, occupied several houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Palestinian Attack: At 00:30, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.

<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<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 closed. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. • Air Attack: At 22:30, Israeli army helicopters fired 1 missile towards a civilian crowd behind Nasser Hospital in An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 4 civilians. • Attack: At 23:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired several tank shells from its locations at Points 11 and 12 towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood, injuring 4 civilians, including 1 child. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:30 on 1 September 2004, an Israeli army infantry force raided the area of Abu Al 'Ajin in Al Qarara, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 21:35, the Israeli army, including 12 tanks, raided Palestinian territory opposite Al Amal neighbourhood. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided An Namsawi neighbourhood, opened intensive fire, and fired tank shells. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area, opened fire towards civilian houses, fired 1 missile towards a civilian crowd, injuring 1 civilian, and partially demolished 1 mosque. The Israeli army forced civilians to evacuate their houses and gather at a school, demolished 2 civilian buildings, and withdrew at 06:00. • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 2 civilian buildings in An Namsawi neighbourhood. • Palestinian Attack: At 22:40, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<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.

GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunger Strike: 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. • Suspension of Hunger Strike: Female political prisoners in Ar Ramlah
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	<p>Prison suspended their hunger strike for 2 weeks after the Israeli Prisons Service met 5 of their demands, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Allowing children under 9 years old to visit their mothers in the prison; (ii) Halting strip searches; (iii) Allowing the families of political prisoners to bring in food; (iv) Removing the plastic barrier during family visits; and (v) Allowing visits to cells. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lawyer Visits:</u> The Israeli Supreme Court approved a petition to allow political prisoners to meet with their attorneys during their hunger strike. • <u>Measures against Political Prisoners:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli Prisons Service Police forces in Ramleh Prison severely beat and injured political prisoner Sheikh Jamal an Natsheh while he was being transported to court after he refused to be strip searched. Natsheh was left with bruises on various parts of his body. (ii) The Israeli Prisons Service has attempted to pressure representatives of political prisoners in Nafha, Hadarim and Bir as Sabe' Prisons to suspend their hunger strike in return for meeting some of their demands. (iii) Al Jalama prison administration has transferred Palestinian Legislative Council member Husam Khadr, a political prisoner, to Hadarim Prison for the third time during the hunger strike. The Israeli Prisons Service has also transferred 7 political prisoners from Kfar Yona Prison and replaced them with Israeli criminal prisoners, in order to provoke Palestinian political prisoners in the same cell.
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli authorities renewed 1,267 work permits for workers in the Industrial Zones. However, beginning on 31 August 2004, 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, on 1 September 2004, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line. (iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 2,609 construction workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.