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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 02 August 2004 – 08:00 03 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	5	5	1 near Al Muntar & 4 in Abu Arif
Injuries	1	21	22	Incl. 4 children
Attacks	5	11	16	8 during raids, 6 from mil. posts
Raids	16	3	19	Incl. searches for wanted civilians
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. helicopters over Nablus
Arrests (per person)	11	1	12	Incl. 2 officers
Detentions	2	—	2	Incl. several civilians in Salfit
House Demolition	—	1	1	In the area of Abu 'Arif
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In the city of Rafah
Wall Construction	15	—	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Houses, shops, and 1 vehicle
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	2 computers in Tulkarem RC
Curfew	—	1	1	In the area of 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)	—	Especially connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	2 partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Order to evacuate 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	3 Qassam mortars
TOTAL	55	51	106	

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.
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.
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. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilian houses and commercial shops, resulting in damage to property.

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: <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 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. • Raid: At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur and ordered Palestinian National Security officers to evacuate their location at the entrance to the city.
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. • 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 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • Raids/Confiscation of Property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, and again at 23:20, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, took position at its northern entrance, and opened indiscriminate fire. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the camp again, searched several houses, arrested 2 civilians, confiscated 2 personal computers from 1 house, and patrolled the area until 05:00. (ii) At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Illar and the village of Seida, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 18:00. (iii) At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian Police officer, and withdrew at 05:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Tulkarem refugee camp:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Thaer Jabr; and (ii) Shahir Munir Abd Al Sayyed. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in the city of Tulkarem:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Midyan Abdul Karim Mallak, a Palestinian Police officer; and (iv) An unidentified civilian.
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 06:30, the Israeli army, supported by helicopters, raided the city of Nablus, took position in several neighbourhoods, searched several houses, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 04:50, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Asira Al Qibliya, searched 2 houses, and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Sabri Al Baz at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Jit. (ii) The Israeli army arrested ‘Azim Mansour in the city of Nablus. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of ‘Asira Al Qibliya: (iii) Yaseen Jabr Yassen; and (iv) Mohammed Jabr Jibreel.
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. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and detained several civilians while searching their houses.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army opened a tunnel beneath the Wall leading to a new road constructed to connect the city of Qalqiliya to the village of Habla and the southern villages of the district of Qalqiliya.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to the village of Iskaka, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Az Zawiya and pursued a civilian vehicle. The chase ended with the vehicle crashing into a wall and its driver sustaining injuries. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet Qeis. (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area. (iv) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit, searched 3 houses after evacuating its residents, and arrested 3 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Salfit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Dhiya' Mohammed Zahd; (ii) Fawwaz Abdul Fattah Shahin; and (iii) Ibrahim Sa'adeh Madhi.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 03:10, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards As Sudaniya beach. • Palestinian Attack: At 07:10, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Nitsareem junction remains closed. • Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells towards the towers of Az Zahra' City in the city of Gaza. • Raid: At 07:55, an Israeli army infantry force raided 100 meters into Palestinian territory near Al Muntar crossing and opened intensive fire, killing 1 civilian. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Al Jaru near Al Muntar crossing.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Curfew: Beginning at 06:30 on 2 September 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the area of Abu 'Arif northwest of the settlement of Kfar Darom, south of the city of Deir Al Balah, and imposed curfew. Israeli army tanks and helicopters opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, killing 4 civilians, including 1 child, and injuring 20 civilians, including 4 children. The Israeli army arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer,

	<p>demolished 1 house using explosives, and withdrew at 02:20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 4 civilians in the area of Abu ‘Arif south of the city of Deir Al Balah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Jamal Abu Mughisib, 16 years old; (ii) Mohammed Baraka; (iii) Ahmed ‘Amer Abu Shawish; and (iv) Sameer Abu Ghurabeh. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the area of Abu ‘Arif belonging to Ibrahim Al Kurd. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 21:10, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Attack:</u> At 22:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired several tank shells towards civilian houses in An Namsawi and Al Amal neighbourhoods. At 22:50, the Israeli army fired 2 more tank shells towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 02:15, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided Block J in Rafah refugee camp, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 1 civilian, and levelled land.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Suspension of Hunger Strike:</u> All Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli prisons suspended their hunger strike, which began on 15 August 2004, after the Israeli Prisons Service conducted negotiations with representatives of political prisoners and met some of their demands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Removing the glass barrier in visit rooms; (ii) Allowing prisoners to pursue education in Arab universities; (iii) Allowing telephones in the prisons to make outside calls; and (iv) Provision of medical care. • <u>General Strike:</u> A general strike was observed in all districts of the Gaza Strip in solidarity with political prisoners on hunger strike. The general strike coincided with the suspension of the prisoners’ hunger strike.
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