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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 August 2004 – 08:00 04 September 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	2	Incl. 1 civilian of injuries sustained
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Several civilians in Hebron
Injuries	1	1	2	Incl. 1 child
Air Attack	—	1	1	Missiles towards workshop
Attacks	6	2	8	4 during raids, 1 from mil. Posts
Raids	27	5	32	Incl. contd. presence in Silat Dhahr
Air Patrols	3	1	4	Incl. helicopters over Jenin
Arrests (per person)	14	—	14	
Detentions	6	—	6	Movement of civilians prevented
House Demolition	—	1	1	In Al Mughraqa south of Gaza city
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. library gate & school furniture
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Com. Devices and historical docs.
Land Levelling	—	2	2	East of Jabalya and south Gaza city
House Occupations	2	—	2	2 buildings in Tulkarem
Curfews	5	—	5	Incl. 4 villages in Bethlehem
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	—	5	5	2 partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	Employees denied access to Aqsa
School Disruption	3	—	3	7 schools in Silat Dhahr, 4 in Beth.
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Open fire near Kiryat Arba'
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Raid on Pal. post in Beit Sahur
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	4 Qassam mortars
TOTAL	75	25	100	

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. The Israeli army prohibited worshipers from other districts from accessing Jerusalem, forcing many civilians to conduct prayers near the outer gates of Al Aqsa mosque and at checkpoints. • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 village of 'Anata and distributed 3 evacuation notices in order to demolish 3 houses, claiming that they are in close proximity to 'Anatot military post. • Attack on Religious Sites: For the 5th consecutive time, the Israeli army issued an order preventing the director of the Islamic Heritage Committee and his deputy from entering Al Aqsa Mosque for 6 months.
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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house. (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched 1 house and served summons to 1 Palestinian National Security officer to report to the Israeli Intelligence.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.
JENIN	<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>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint/School Disruption:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Atara and prevented civilians, including school students, from crossing. The Israeli army prevented 199 female school students from reaching 'Atara Girls' School. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched several houses. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army withdrew at 19:00. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child and arrested 3 civilians. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Adh Dhahr, imposed curfew, and arrested 2 civilians. Classes were suspended in 6 schools serving 2,223 students. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. (iv) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Al Far'a refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ghassan Dharaghmeh; (ii) Jamal Dharaghmeh; and (iii) An unidentified civilian. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silat Adh Dhahr:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Ma'moun Abu Dabbak; and (v) Mahir Al Akhras.
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.

<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 presence in the villages illegal. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend 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/Curfew/School Disruption:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur. At 18:40, the Israeli army raided the city again, raided and searched 1 Palestinian National Security location, and examined officers' IDs. At 19:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Jurat Ash Sham'a, Marah Ma'alla, Wadi An Nis, and Um Salama and imposed curfew, leading to the suspension of classes in 4 schools serving 1,021 students.
<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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Qaffin, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Bal'a and prevented civilian vehicles from entering or exiting the town. (iii) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction to the town of Beit Lid and prevented civilian vehicles from entering or exiting the town. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 00:45, the Israeli army

	<p>raided the city again, occupied 2 civilian buildings in the centre of the city, converted them into military posts, and withdrew at 04:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Attil, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 18:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Anabta.</p> <p>(iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until 04:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrols:</u> <p>(i) At 18:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the towns of Beit Lid and Bal’ a.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Tulkarem refugee camp: <p>(ii) Ramzi Bsharat; and</p> <p>(iii) Abdul Rahman Khalil Abdul Rahman.</p> • <u>Detention:</u> At 09:50, the Israeli army detained 10 civilians at a checkpoint set up at the junction to the settlement of Einav for 3 hours under the sun before releasing them.
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> <p>(i) At 08:00, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Nablus at various times and patrolled several neighbourhoods until 04:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp and took position at its northern entrance until 04:30.</p> • <u>Detention:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army detained a public transport vehicle at a checkpoint set up at the junction to the village of Sarra until 17:00.
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. The Israeli army declared the city of Hebron a closed military zone. • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 08:00, Israeli army patrols raided the city of Hebron, patrolled several neighbourhoods at various times, raided 1 library after destroying its external doors, and confiscated communications devices, files, folders, books and historical documents. The Israeli army also raided Muslim Youth Society schools and kindergartens and the Female Orphans’ House of the Islamic Charitable Society, causing severe damage to their contents. The Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire, fired sound grenades, severely beat several</p>

	<p>civilians, and arrested 4 civilians.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 3 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Hamil Hassan; (ii) Nu'man Abu Rammouz; (iii) 'Arafat Al Qawasmeh; and (iv) Munthir Abu Rammouz. (v) The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Idhna, including Mu'ath Mohammed Abu Jheisheh. • Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers opened fire towards 1 civilian house near the fence surrounding the settlement of Kiryat Arba'. Israeli soldiers did not respond to calls for help by the residents of the house to protect them from the settlers.
<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. • Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up several checkpoints on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • Raid: At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town, and searched civilians and vehicles.
<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 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 Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jamma'in, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Haris and Kifl Haris and on the Wadi Qana road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 09:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit. At 12:20, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 13:10.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is closed. • Raids/Land Levelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:05, the Israeli army, including several tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya and levelled land. (ii) At 00:35, the Israeli army, including 10 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Abu Safiyya hill, east of the town of Jabalya, and withdrew at 08:05. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:35, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 00:55, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 07:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) is closed. • Raids/Land Levelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:50, 1 Israeli army tank and an infantry force raided Palestinian territory west of the settlement of Nitsareem, south of Gaza city, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 19:40. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army, including several tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory between the settlement of Nitsareem and the towers of Az Zahra' City south of Gaza city, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, and levelled land. (iii) At 23:50, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided the area of Al Mughraqa south of Gaza city, demolished 1 house, and withdrew at 02:45. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the area of Al Mughraqa south of Gaza city belonging to Sayyed Abu Mawali.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Attack: At 23:20, Israeli army helicopters fired 3 missiles towards a blacksmith's workshop at the entrance to Al Maghazi refugee camp, resulting in destruction of property in the workshop. • Killing: At 08:00, Usamah Mohammed Abu Zarqa died as a result of injuries sustained last week during an Israeli army raid on West Khan Yunis refugee camp.

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>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 22:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 18:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 11 on the Egyptian border towards the neighbourhood of Zu'rub in Rafah refugee camp, killing 1 civilian and injuring another. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Munir As Sindi in the neighbourhood of Zu'rub in Rafah refugee camp.

GENERAL

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, beginning on 1 September 2004, workers were not allowed access into the Green Line. (iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 2,609 construction workers, including 2,000 workers currently working inside the Green Line, to remain overnight inside the Green Line.
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