## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 August 2004 – 08:00 05 August 2004

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	6	7	Incl. 3 children (1 female)
Injuries	4	37	41	Incl. 11 children
Air Attack	_	1	1	2 missiles north of Jabalya RC
Attacks	3	5	8	5 during raids & 2 from mil. Posts
Raids	18	5	23	Incl. position in Nablus
Air Patrols	_	2	2	Over Jabalya refugee camp
Arrests (per person)	11	1	12	Incl. 1 fem civilian and 1 injured
Detentions	1	2	3	Incl. thousands at Rafah Crossing
House Demolitions	3	2	5	In Azzun Atma and Yabna RC
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Beit Hanun
Wall Construction	15	_	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	2	5	Incl. 1 water well, shops, apartment
House Occupations	2	_	2	In Nablus
Curfews	2		2	In El Bireh and Azzun Atma
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
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	1	1	Position near 1 security post
Palestinian Attack		1	1	1 mortar towards Nitsareem
Demonstration	1		1	Against the Wall in Tulkarem
TOTAL	64	70	134	

DISTRICT	EVENT	
ALL DISTRICTS	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.	

## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Abu Dis, Al Eizariya (west of Al Quds University), Khallet Al Abed, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya (between Jabal Abu Mughayyir and the entrance to Sheikh Sa'd), Sur Bahir, along the main road between Jerusalem and Ramallah (Dahiyat Al Bareed, Ar Ram), the villages of Qatanna and Biddu, and along the road between the villages of Jaba' and Hizma., and the village of Anata.</li> </ul>		
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya.</li> <li>Raids/Curfew: <ol> <li>At 16:10, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, imposed curfew, surrounded 1 civilian building and opened fire, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians, including 1 injured civilian and his fiancé. At 21:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>At 24:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya, set up a checkpoint in the centre of town, and searched civilian vehicles.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of El Bireh:</li> <li>Nasibah Al Aruri, a female civilian;</li> <li>Rani Al Barghuthi, an injured civilian;</li> <li>Rami Al Barghuthi; and</li> <li>Tha'er Hijazi.</li> <li>On 03 August 2004, the Israeli army arrested Mer'i Mustafa Mahmoud in the village of Beit Liqya.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>		

JENIN	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
JERICHO	• Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages. The Israeli army continues to declare the city of Jericho a closed military zone and to allow only residents of Jericho to access the city. The Israeli army also prevented civilians holding Israeli ID cards, including tourist bus drivers, from entering the city
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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, Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and searched an area of land east of 'Ayda refugee camp.</li> <li>At 11:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala. At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp, used explosives to destroy 1 apartment belonging to a political prisoner in a 4-storey building, and withdrew from the area at 04:00.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
TULKAREM	<ul> <li><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.</li> <li><u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.</li> <li>Raid: At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem until 01:40.</li> <li>Detention: At 09:00, the Israeli army detained over 200 civilians for an extended period of time at a checkpoint set up on Al Kafriyat road, south of the city of Tulkarem.</li> <li>Demonstration: At 09:30, a mass demonstration including international peace activists took place in the city of Tulkarem along the Wall in protest against construction of the Wall and calling for its dismantling.</li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 2 civilian buildings, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army opened fire towards civilians, killing 1 civilian and injuring 3 others, and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil, searched 1 civilian house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>Killing: The Israeli army killed 'Awad Mousa Hashash in the city of Nablus.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Yunis Sabri Mansur in the village of Kafr Qalil.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
HEBRON	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, pursued 1 civilian vehicle, and opened fire towards it. The Israeli army searched several houses and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, searched 1 civilian house and arrested 1 unidentified civilian.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron: <ol> <li>Sheikh Jawad Bahr; and</li> <li>'Izzat an Natsheh.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li><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.</li> <li><u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact</li> </ul>

	economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities.  • Raids:  (i) Beginning at 05:30 on 04 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the village of 'Azzun 'Atma and continues to impose curfew. The Israeli army demolished 3 civilian houses, 1 water well and several shops. The Israeli army also removed a residential locality, consisting of 20 tents, belonging to 'Arab al Mahariq.  (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.  • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 3 civilian houses in the village of 'Azzun 'Atma belonging to:  (i) 'Abed Faris Abu Mash'hur;  (ii) Mohammed 'Azzuni; and  (iii) Hani 'Azzuni.
SALFIT	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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 Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin.</li> <li>At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit and the village of Farkha. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit again, searched 1 civilian house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr ad Dik, searched 1 civilian house, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests: <ol> <li>The Israeli army arrested Hani Mohammed Zahd in the city of Salfit.</li> <li>The Israeli army arrested Rami Abdul Haqq Dhamrah, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the village of Kafr ad Dik.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

## **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>Air Attack: At 19:25, Israeli army helicopters fired 2 missiles towards a gathering of civilians opposite the Israeli Civil Administration offices, north of Jabalya refugee camp, killing 2 civilians, including 1 child.</li> <li>Attack: At 17:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the area of 'Izbat Abed Rabbu, east of the town of Jabalya, killing 2 civilians, including 1 child.</li> </ul>
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#### Raids/Land Levelling: Beginning at 18:30 on 28 June 2004, the Israeli army continues to (i) impose a military siege on the town of Beit Hanun, to isolate the town from all other districts, and to level agricultural land on the outskirts of the town. At 05:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) Beginning at 19:10 on 03 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the area between Beit Hanun, Beit Lahiya and north of Jabalya refugee camp. Israeli army helicopters and tanks opened intensive fire, injuring 36 civilians, including 11 children. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and destroyed 1 generator, cutting off electricity supply to the town of Beit Lahiya and northeast of the town of Jabalya. The Israeli army also closed Salah ad Din road and withdrew from the area at 05:20. At 21:10, the Israeli army, including 11 tanks, raided the area of Al (iii) 'Atatra, northwest the town of Beit Lahiya, and took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location. At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 10 tanks, raided the area of Ash (iv) Shuhada' cemetery, east of the town of Jabalya. Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in 'Izbet 'Abed Rabbu, east of the town of Jabalya: Ali Abu 'Ilbih, 10 years old; and (i) Jassim Salih Al Mutawwaq. (ii) The Israeli army killed 2 civilians north of Jabalya refugee camp: Wa'el Abu Al Jidyan, 14 years old; and (iii) (iv) Hisham Salim. **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Khalid Ar Raiyati north of Jabalya refugee camp. **Closure:** The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. **GAZA CITY** Palestinian Attack: At 00:40, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem. CENTRAL Activities not yet reported. **GAZA Closure:** Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (i) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (ii) (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. KHAN YUNIS Abu Holi road is partially open. At 15:40, the Israeli army completely (iv) closed Salah ad Din road. Attack: At 07:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Gadid towards civilian houses in An Nimsawi neighbourhood.

#### • Closure:

- (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.
- (ii) The Rafah crossing is closed. Thousands of civilians remain detained along the Egyptian border due to the closure of the Rafah crossing and were prevented from returning to their homes in Gaza districts.
- (iii) The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.
- Raid: Beginning at 02:50 on 03 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in Yabna refugee camp and continued to open intensive fire towards civilian houses, killing 1 civilian and injuring another. The Israeli army demolished 2 civilian houses, claiming to be searching for tunnels. At 22:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

#### Killings

- (i) The Israeli army killed Jihad Sami Al Bis in Yabna refugee camp.
- (ii) At 08:00, Iman Suleiman Barhum, 14 years old, died of injuries she sustained on 30 July 2004.
- <u>House Demolitions</u>: The Israeli army demolished 2 civilian houses, claiming to search for tunnels, in Yabna refugee camp belonging to the families of Abu Hilal and Abu az Zahri.

#### **GENERAL**

**RAFAH** 

# • West Bank: (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 4,639 workers. The total number of those allowed to cross is

- unknown.

  (ii) The Israeli authorities continue to refuse to renew work permits for workers in the district of Jericho to cross the Green Line.
- (iii) The Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians over the age of 35, married and with children.

#### • Gaza Strip:

- (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross into the Industrial Zones for 1,135 workers; however, only 674 workers, 60% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to enter the area.
- (ii) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 4,330 workers; however, only 1,991 workers, 46% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line.
- (iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 1,839 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.

## WORK PERMITS