مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 05 August 2004 – 08:00 06 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	1	1	In Rafah
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	2 civilians beaten in Deir Ghassana
Injuries	1	3	4	Incl. 1 child and 1 elderly civilian
Air Attack	_	1	1	In Rafah
Attacks	1	7	8	3 during raids & 5 from mil. posts
Raids	16	2	18	Searching houses and patrols
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Over Tulkarem and Rafah
Arrests (per person)	11	2	13	Incl. 1 Palestinian Police officer
Detentions	3	2	5	Incl. the village of Shufa
House Demolition	_	1	1	In the area of Khuza'a
Wall Construction	15	_	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	1	1	1 vehicle during air attack in Rafah
Curfew	1	_	1	In the village of Rantis
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	3 partially open
Settlement Activity	2	_	2	New settler outpost and by-pass rd.
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Stones thrown in Tall Al Rumeida
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. open fire towards sec. post
Palestinian Attack	_	4	4	6 Qassam mortars and 3 mortars
Demonstrations	2	_	2	In Kafr Jammal and Ramallah
TOTAL	57	31	88	

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	 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: 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. Settlement Activity: The Israeli Government approved the construction of a new settlement east of the city of Jerusalem, connecting the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim to Mount Al Mashariq, northeast of the city of Jerusalem along the village of Al Isawiya. The settlement will be constructed on 15,000 dunums (3,750 acres) of confiscated land.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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: At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana and the village of An Nabi Salih. The Israeli army raided 1 during a wedding party, severely beat 2 civilians, and arrested 3 civilians in the town of Deir Ghassana. The Israeli army raided the village of Rantis, opened indiscriminate fire and imposed curfew. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Deir Ghassana:

	 (i) Samih Walid Ash Sharif; (ii) Khalid Walid Ash Sharif; and (iii) Baha' Sidqi Ash Sharif. • Demonstration: At 10:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in protest against the Israeli army raid on the Islamic Club in Ramallah and a military order to close its offices for 2 years.
JENIN	 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 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: At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Araqa, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ala' 'Ayed Yihya in the village of Al 'Araqa.
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	 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 civilians from crossing. 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. 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. Raids: At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilian vehicles.

At 23:00, an Israeli army infantry patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp (ii) and patrolled the area. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and took (iii) position near a Palestinian National Security location until 04:00. At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and searched 1 (iv) civilian house. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, searched (v) several civilian houses, and arrested 5 civilians. At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Artas, searched 1 (vi) civilian house, and arrested 1 civilian. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Al 'Ubeidiya: (i) Ivad Yousef Hassasned; Hamzeh Abdul Rahman Al 'Assa; (ii) Muhannad Abdul Rahman Al 'Assa: (iii) Mu'ath Yunis Al 'Assa; and (iv) Yunis Mohammed Al 'Assa. (v) (vi) The Israeli army arrested Rami 'Isa Isma'il in the village of Artas. **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 economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 11:05, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrance to the town of 'Anabta, the junction to the town of Bal'a and the junctions to the towns of Far'un and Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) **TULKAREM** the village of Shufa and prevented civilians from exiting the village. Raids: (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Jammal. At 12:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, (ii) set up checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:35, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarem refugee camp. Air Patrol: At 15:30, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem. **Demonstration:** At 09:00, a mass demonstration including international peace activists took place in the village of Kafr Jammal in protest against construction of the Wall and calling for its dismantling.

NABLUS	 <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>Arrest</u>: On 04 August 2004, the Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Shteitwi, a Palestinian Police officer, in the village of Sarra.
HEBRON	 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. Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, searched several civilian houses, and detained 2 civilians. Settlement Activity: Israeli settlers from settlement outposts in the city of Hebron began construction of a settler by-pass road connecting the settlement outpost of Ramat Yishay with the settlement outpost of Abraham Avino. The new settler by-pass road will intersect 300 meters through As Sahla square and the old fruit and vegetable market in the city of Hebron. Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Ramat Yishay in Tall Ar Rumeida in the city of Hebron threw stones towards civilian houses, injuring 1 elderly civilian.
QALQILYA	 <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 economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. <u>Raid</u>: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Azzun and searched 1 civilian house.
SALFIT	 <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 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.

GAZA STRIP

 Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. Attacks: At 14:30, an Israeli army tank, positioned east of the town of Beit Hanun, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the town of Beit Hanun, injuring 1 child. At 16:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 25 on the Green Line towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the town of Beit Hanun. Raid: At 21:35, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided 100 meters into Palestinian Territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. Palestinian Attacks: At 10:30, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Nisanit. At 12:30, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
 Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. Attacks: At 18:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Nitsareem towards 1 Palestinian National Security location, south of Ash Shuhada' cemetery and towards the area south of Gaza city, injuring 1 elderly civilian. At 21:25, an Israeli army tank, positioned at Point 96 on the Green Line, opened fire towards Palestinian Territory east of Gaza city, injuring 1 civilian.
Activities not yet reported.
 Closure: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. Abu Holi road is partially open. At 12:00, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint and detained a number of civilians for several hours. At 16:30, the Israeli army closed the road again and arrested 2 civilians. Raid: At 14:50, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian Territory east of the area of Khuza'a, opened intensive fire, fired 1 tank shell towards the area of Khuza'a, and demolished 1 civilian house. House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the area of Khuza'a belonging to Khalid Abu Zir.

	 Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians at Abu Holi checkpoint: Sufian Maddayeh; and Mohammed Rusrus. Palestinian Attacks: At 21:20, 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Netzer Hazani. At 23:50, 4 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid.
RAFAH	 Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. The Rafah crossing is partially open to arrivals only. The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. Air Attack: At 16:30, an Israeli army remote controlled combat aircraft fired a missile towards 1 civilian vehicle in the city of Rafah, destroying the vehicle. Attack: At 23:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Morag towards Palestinian Territory, killing 1 civilian. Killing: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Khalid Rashwan near the settlement of Morag.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Denial of Legal Counsel</u> : The administration of Al Jalama Prison prohibited a lawyer from the Ansar as Sajin Society, Mohammed Abu Rayya, from meeting with political prisoners Ahmed Lutfi Khalaf, Hilal Lutfi Khalaf and Hanadi Qandil.
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