مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 11 August 2004 – 08:00 12 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	_	1	Incl. 1 child in Balata RC
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Incl. civilians north of Jerusalem
Injuries	11	_	11	Incl. 3 children
Air Attack	_	1	1	2 missiles towards Rafah RC
Attacks	4	3	7	2 during raids & 2 from mil. posts
Raids	23	5	28	Incl. position in Balata RC
Air Patrols	3	2	5	Incl. 2 helicopter, 1 reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	22	_	22	Incl. 2 children, 2 female civilians
Detentions	4	_	4	Hundreds of civilians
House Demolitions	_	4	4	In Rafah refugee camp
Land Levelling	_	2	2	South of Gaza city and Yabna RC
Wall Construction	15	_	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	3	3	Crops, 1 security post, and 1 house
House Occupations	3	_	3	In Nablus
Curfew	1	_	1	Balata refugee camp
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)	(4)		Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	3 partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	2	2	Incl. demolition of security post
Palestinian Attack	_	2	3	2 Qassam mortars & 4 mortars
TOTAL	89	28	117	

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, along the Jaba'-Hizma road, and the village of Anata. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at entrances to towns and villages north of the city of Jerusalem, including Ar Ram, Qalandiya, Bir Nabala, Al Jib, the village of Jaba', Al Judeira and An Nabi Samwil. The Israeli army also closed Qalandiya checkpoint, detained hundreds of civilians for an extended period of time, preventing them from returning to their homes, severely beat several civilians, and arrested 10 others at flying checkpoints. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 10 unidentified civilians at checkpoints set up at entrances to towns and villages north of the city of Jerusalem.
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. The Israeli army declared the city of Jenin a closed military zone. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints at entrances to the city of Ramallah, including Surda road, the village of Kafr 'Aqab, and west of the town of Beituniya, and detained hundreds of

	civilians for an extended period of time. • Raids: (i) At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Ramallah, set up a checkpoint and searched civilian vehicles. (ii) At 02:00, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein.
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. The Israeli army declared the city of Jenin a closed military zone. 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. Flving Checkpoints: At 19:30, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the junction to the town of Arraba, at the entrance to the village Kufeirit, and 2 flying checkpoints on the Jenin-Tubas road. Raids: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. The Israeli army withdrew at 23:00. At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jaba', pursued 1 civilian vehicle inside the village, and arrested the driver. At 21:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: At 12:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 individuals at a checkpoint set up near the junction of Al Far'a refugee camp: Utbah Falih Abu Muhsin, a Palestinian Police officer; and Mohammed Mahmoud 'Awni, 17 years old. The Israeli army arrested Farid Mohammed Ghannam in the village of Jaba'.
JERICHO	• <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. 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.

Closure: (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. The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village (ii) 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, in Bir 'Ona and the village of Al Walaja. **BETHLEHEM** Attack: At 04:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Az Zaytuna Park in the city of Beit Jala. **Raids:** (i) At 14:35, an Israeli army jeep raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee At 15:00, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Bethlehem. The Israeli (ii) army, including 6 jeeps, later raided the city again, searched several houses, arrested 1 child, distributed 3 summonses to civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence, and withdrew from the area at 05:25. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (iii) Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Na'el Ayman Mifreh, 17 years old, in the city of 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 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. Raids: At 14:25, and again at 22:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of (i) **TULKAREM** Tulkarem and its suburbs. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:15. (ii) At 22:00, and again at 00:05, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp. Air Patrol: At 15:00, Israeli army combat aircraft and 2 reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem. At 20:00, Israeli army combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the area again. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Al Jayyusi in the city of Tulkarem.

NABLUS	 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/Curfew: Beginning at 07:00 on 11 August 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in several neighbourhoods in the city of Nablus and continues to occupy 3 building which it converted into military posts. The Israeli army searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during the Israeli army injured 9 civilians, including 3 children. At 13:15, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 1 child. At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the camp again and imposed curfew. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Killing: The Israeli army killed Salih Radhi Horani, 16 years old, in Balata refugee camp. Arrests: At 18:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians near the settlement of Homesh Yazan Mahmoud Fashafsheh; and Nijm Mohammed Fashafsheh The Israeli army arrested Ahmed 'Issam Abdul Ilah Falahah in the city of Nablus. Detention: The Israeli army detained dozens of civilians under the age of 35 years at Huwwara checkpoint for several hours.
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. Raids: The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 civilian building near the settlement of Hagai after forcing residents to evacuate, arrested 3 civilians, including 2 female civilians, and severely beat several civilians. The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Samit and searched several houses. The Israeli army raided the village of Nuba, searched several houses, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians near the settlement of Hagai: Ni'mah Khalil Al Badarin, a female civilian; 'Eidah Ahmed Abdul Fattah, a female civilian; and Mohammed Ahmed Abdul Fattah. The Israeli army arrested Basim Mohammed Ash Shuruq in the village of Nuba.

QALQILYA	 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. Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.
SALFIT	 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 was suspended due to changes in the Wall route following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Raids: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and the village of Khirbet Qeis and patrolled the area. At 22:30, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. Raid: At 14:10, the Israeli army, including 5 tanks and 3 bulldozers, raided the area of Abu Safiya, east of the town of Jabalya. Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 09:00, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 00:15, 2 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	 Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. Attack: At 14:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the Sheikh 'Ajlin coastal junction, south of Gaza city. Raid/Land Levelling: At 12:05, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided 300 meters into Wadi Gaza, south of Gaza city, levelled agricultural land and demolished 1 Palestinian National Security location.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not yet reported.

KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Abu Holi road is partially open. Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 jeeps, raided the area of Al Qarara, and searched 2 houses.
RAFAH	 Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. The Rafah crossing is partially open to civilians under 16 years old and above 35 years old only. The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. Air Attack: At 23:15, Israeli army helicopters fired 2 missiles towards a civilian house in As Sultan neighbourhood in the city of Rafah, damaging the house. Raids/Land Levelling: At 11:15, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided 30 meters into Yabna refugee camp, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, and levelled land. At 23:40, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers, raided Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood in the city of Rafah and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army demolished 4 houses and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 4 houses in Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood belonging to: Mohammed Natat; Ziyad Sha'th; Ziyad Sha'th; Xa'id Natat; and Walid 'Ayyash.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS

• Prison Conditions: In order to confront the mass hunger strike which will be conducted by all political prisoners in Israeli prisoners, the Israeli Prisons Authority has declared a state of high alert throughout the prisons. The Israeli army has implemented a number of punitive measures, including transferring prisoners from one prison to another, placing several prisoners in isolation cells, and removing all radios and televisions from political prisoners' prison cells.

(iii) WORK

PERMITS

• 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 1,149 workers; however, only 325 workers, 29% 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 4,854 workers; however, only 2,095 workers, 44% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line.
- (iii) The Israeli authorities permitted 2,007 workers to remain overnight inside the Green Line.

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