مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 13 August 2004 – 08:00 14 August 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	Near Itamar settlement in Nablus
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Civilians severely beaten
Injuries	8	1	9	Incl. 7 children
Air Attack	_	1	1	1 missile towards Al Barazil nghr.
Attacks	5	5	10	3 during raids & 3 from mil. posts
Raids	16	4	20	Incl. house searches and patrols
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Over Salfit and Rafah
Arrests (per person)	11	_	11	Incl. 1 child and 1 officer
Detentions	4	_	4	Incl. 4 public employees in Hebron
House Demolition	1	_	1	In the town of Beit Furik
Land Levelling	_	2	2	South of Gaza city and Al Sha'ut
House Occupations	6	2	8	Incl. 2 in Tulkarem, 4 in Nablus
Curfew	1	_	1	In Beit Furik
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		5	5	2 partially open
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Stones thrown at civilians, Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Position near 1 security post
Palestinian Attack	1	_	1	Open fire towards 1 settler vehicle
TOTAL	60	22	82	

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. The Israeli army prohibited worshipers from other districts from accessing Jerusalem to perform Friday prayers in Al Aqsa Mosque, forcing many civilians to conduct prayers near the outer gates of the Mosque and at checkpoints. Wall Construction: (i) Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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), along the Jaba'-Hizma road, and the village of Anata. (ii) Wall construction in the villages of Qatanna and Biddu was suspended following an Israeli Supreme Court order. Arrest: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested Suhaib Salman Qar'an near Al Aqsa Mosque following Friday afternoon prayers.
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 was suspended for the weekend in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya. Raids: At 16:35, the Israeli army, including several patrols, raided the city of Ramallah at various times. 1 Israeli army patrol took position near a Palestinian National Security location, detained 2 officers and confiscated their IDs. The Israeli army withdrew at 02:00.

	 (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha Al Misbah, searched several houses, and arrested 3 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the village of Kharbatha Al Misbah.
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 was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Tammun, searched civilian vehicles and impeded civilian movement. Raid: At 02:00 on 13 August 2004, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Nasir Salih Kmeil in the town of Qabatiya.
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 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.

Raids: (i) At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 2 houses and withdrew at 02:45. At 13:35, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations (ii) took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children. At 14:30, the Israeli army withdrew. The Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, searched 1 house after (iii) forcing residents to evacuate, and arrested 1 child. (i) At 00:20, the Israeli army arrested Fat'hi Khalil Sa'd, a Palestinian National Security officer, at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya checkpoint. The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Abu az Zeit in the town of Al Khadr. (ii) **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 Checkpoint: At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Anabta and Nur Shams refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids:** (i) At 14:00, and again at 19:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, and severely beat 2 civilians, who were **TULKAREM** hospitalised for their injuries. The Israeli army patrolled the area, occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and withdrew at 05:00. At 19:45, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarem refugee camp. (ii) Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 female child and 1 male child. The Israeli army occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and withdrew from the area at 05:00. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Tha'er Faruq Mansuri, a Palestinian National Security officer, as he was returning to the city of Tulkarem. **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. **NABLUS** Raids/Curfew: (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and imposed curfew. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army demolished 1 house, claiming that it

	belonged to the family of a civilian killed by the Israeli army. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including 1 child. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 4 civilian buildings, and converted them into military posts. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in the town of Beit Furik belonging to the family of Yousef Ahmed Hanani. • Arrests: (i) On 11 August 2004, the Israeli army arrested Ra'fat Ratib Lubbadi in the city of Nablus. (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army arrested Usamah Abdul Rahim Khadr at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik. • Palestinian Attack: At 12:35, Yousef Ahmed Hanani opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle at the entrance to the settlement of Itamar, southeast of the city of Nablus, injuring 2 Israeli settlers. Yousef Hanani was killed during the attack.
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 Yatta, opened intensive fire, injuring 2 children, searched several houses, detained and severely beat a number of civilians, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Wajdi Mohammed Ash Shamti in the town of Yatta. Detention/Settler Violence: The Israeli army detained 4 governmental employees, including the Chief of Religious Judges, as they were viewing demolished houses near the Ibrahimi Mosque. A group of Israeli settlers also hurled stones towards the detained civilians.
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 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 01:30.

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.
- 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.
- Raid: At 12:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 13:20.
- <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 11:20, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Salfit.

GAZA STRIP

Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. **NORTHERN** Raid: At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided GAZA the area of Abu Safiya, east of the town of Jabalya. **Closure:** The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (i) (ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. **Attacks:** At 13:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards several (i) foreign journalists northeast of Ash Shuhada' junction, south of Gaza city, as they were reporting on civilian losses following the withdrawal of the Israeli army from the area. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the area **GAZA CITY** surrounding the factory of Al Hajj Fadl, south of Gaza city. **Raid/Land Levelling:** At 08:05, the Israeli army raided Palestinian Territory northeast of (i) Ash Shuhada' junction and Salah ad Din road, south of Gaza city, opened indiscriminate fire and conducted a search of the area. (ii) At 10:25, the Israeli army raided Palestinian Territory northeast of Ash Shuhada' junction near a used car lot south of Gaza city. The Israeli army occupied 2 houses and converted them into military posts, levelled land in the area, and opened intensive fire indiscriminately towards civilian houses, injuring 1 civilian. At 11:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

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. Attack: At 22:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 164 on the Green Line towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the area of Al Qarara.
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 closed. Air Attack: At 02:25, Israeli army helicopters fired 1 missile towards Al Barazil refugee camp in the city of Rafah. Raid/Land Levelling: At 01:40, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and levelled land.