# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 03 July 2004 – 08:00 04 July 2004

### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	3	5	Incl. 2 children, 1 civilian
Physical Assaults	1	_	1	1 civilian in Sawahira Sharqiya
Injuries	4	4	8	Incl. 4 serious injuries, 1 beaten
Attacks	8	11	19	From helicopter, 2 tank shells
Raids	20	3	23	Beit Hanun isolated
Air Patrol	_	1	1	In Raba and Beit Hanun
Arrests (per persons)	4	_	4	Incl. 3 police officers
Detentions	2	_	2	At Huwwara, Saw. Sharqiya
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Dozens of dunums in B. Hanun
Wall Construction	16	_	16	Jer, Jenin, Salfit, Rmallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	2	2	Incl. sec. location, crops
Curfew	1	_	1	Kafr Laqif in Qalqiliya
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)		Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	Jericho military zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)		Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_		Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	2 Partially open
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Settlers open fire at shepherds
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	2	2	Raids on security locations
Palestinian Attacks	_	2	2	3 mortars towards Green Line
TOTAL	59	32	91	

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 was resumed in Abu Dis, Al Eizariya, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, along the main road between Jerusalem and Ramallah (Dahiyat Al Bareed, Ar Ram), the villages of Qatanna and Biddu, the area surrounding Qalandiya Airport 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 was resumed in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya.</li> <li>Raid: At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and searched several houses.</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: Wall construction was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Abu Da'if, searched several houses, arrested 3 officers and withdrew at 04:00.</li> </ul>

JERICHO	<ul> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 3 Palestinian National Security officers in the village of Abu Da'if:         <ul> <li>(i) Ramzi Kayed 'Ilayyat;</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Nafe' 'Ilayyat; and</li> <li>(iii) 'Irsan Yousef 'Ilayyat.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Closure: 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. The Israeli army declared the city of Jericho a closed military zone.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 3 Palestinian National Security officers in the village of Abu Da'if:</li> </ul>
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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo) and road #60 towards the village of Husan.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 09:15, an Israeli army jeep raided the town of Al Ubeidiya and the village of Deir Salah, set up a flying checkpoint, and searched vehicles.</li> <li>At 10:00, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Bethlehem. At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</li> <li>Detention: The Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians at Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint and prevented them from reaching their destinations. The Israeli army severely beat and injured 1 civilian, who was later transported to hospital for injuries sustained during the attack.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
TULKAREM	<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>Raids: <ol> <li>At 13:35, and again at 19:20, an Israeli army jeep raided the city and suburbs of Tulkarem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	The Israeli army withdrew at 21:00.  (ii) At 14:00, and again at 18:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army withdrew at 21:00.  (iii) At 18:00, an Israeli army jeep raided Tulkarem refugee camp and took position at its northern entrance. At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the camp again and patrolled the area.
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>Attack: At 02:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Bracha towards 1 civilian and killed him.</li> <li>Raid: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 1 civilian and injured 2 others, including 1 child. The Israeli army remains in the camp as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>Killings: <ol> <li>The Israeli army killed Mahmoud Saleh al Lahwani in Balata refugee camp.</li> <li>The Israeli army killed Tha'er Hilmi Ramadan near the settlement of Bracha.</li> <li>Detention: The Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians under the age of 30 at Huwwara checkpoint for several hours.</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 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched several houses, set up a flying checkpoint in the centre of the town, searched vehicles and examined civilians' IDs.</li> <li>At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods in the city.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya, fired tear gas and sound bombs towards civilians and patrolled the area.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and searched several houses.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Lu'ay Mahmoud Al Wahidi in Al 'Arrub refugee camp.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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#### **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>Attack: At 10:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location towards a Palestinian National Security location, north of Beit Lahiya.</li> <li>Raids/Land Levelling: <ol> <li>Beginning at 18:30 on 28 June 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of Beit Hanun, isolating it from all other districts. Israeli army tanks and helicopters opened intensive fire towards cultivated land and civilian houses on the outskirts of the town, killing 2 children and seriously injuring 4 civilians. The Israeli army levelled large areas of cultivated land and remains positioned in the town as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian Territory east of the town of Jabalya, raided 1 Palestinian National</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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	Security post, and partially demolished the post.  • <u>Killings</u> : The Israeli army killed 2 children in the town of Beit Hanun:  (iii) Ihab Abdul Karim Shtat, 9 years old; and  (iv) Ishaq Abu Talib, 14 years old.  • <u>Palestinian Attacks</u> :  (i) At 18:50, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.  (ii) At 08:00, 1 Qassm mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	<ul> <li><u>Closure</u>: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li><u>Killing</u>: At 23:00, Yousef Hussein Nasr Allah died as a result of injuries sustained on 11 May 2004 during an Israeli army incursion in Al Zeitun neighbourhood.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open.</li> <li>Abu Holi road is partially open.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Attack: At 00:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 2 tank shells from its location on the Security Line towards civilian houses in An Namsawi neighbourhood, West Khan Yunis refugee camp and the area of Al Maqaber.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>The Rafah crossing is closed to civilians between the ages of 16 - 35.</li> <li>Attacks:</li> <li>At 13:04, and again at 17:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Al Barazil.</li> <li>At 04:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Western Morag towards Palestinian Territory north of the city of Rafah.</li> <li>Raid: At 10:00, 2 Israeli army tanks, accompanied by 2 bulldozers, raided the area of Al Qishta in the city of Rafah, opened intensive fire and withdrew from the area at 19:55.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

#### **GENERAL**

### **Extension of Administrative Detention:** The Israeli military court in Bir Sheba prison extended the administrative detention orders of 25 political detainees for a period ranging from 3 - 6 months. **New Prison:** The Israeli Prisons Administration opened a new prison adjacent to the prison of Bir Sheba with a capacity to hold 450 political **POLITICAL** prisoners. 120 political prisoners were transferred to the new prison. The **PRISONERS** prison administration has imposed strict measures on the political prisoners and has prohibited contact between prisoners. **Physical Assault:** Israeli soldiers severely beat 3 political prisoners at the Salem military court. The prisoners were transferred to hospital for injuries sustained during the attack. West Bank: (i) The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 4,339 workers. The total number of those allowed to cross is The Israeli authorities continue to refuse to renew work permits for (ii) **WORK** workers in the district of Jericho to cross the Green Line. The Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to **PERMITS** (iii) civilians over the age of 35, married and with children. Gaza Strip: (i) The Israeli authorities issued permits for 950 workers to enter the Industrial Zones; however, only 172 workers, 18% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to enter the Industrial Zones. The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line (ii) for 1,067 workers; however, only 761 workers, 71% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line.