# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 11 July 2004 – 08:00 12 July 2004

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	1 elderly physically disabled civ.
Injuries	1	2	3	Incl. several civilians in Ar Ram
Attacks	6	5	11	Incl. from helicopter & tank shells
Raids	18	3	21	Incl. isolation of Beit Hanun
Air Patrols	_	3	3	Over Beit Hanun and An Nimsawi
Arrests (per person)	6	_	6	Incl. 2 Palestinian Police officers
Detentions	4	1	5	In 'Ayda RC and at checkpoints
House Demolitions	1	26	27	1 in Qabatiya, 26 in An Nimsawi
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Cultivated land in Jabalya
Wall Construction	15	_	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Crops in Tulkarem and Jabalya
Curfew	1	_	1	Beit 'Ur At Tahta
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	_	5	5	2 partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	Worshippers detained in Ayda RC
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Expansion of Neve Ya'aqov
Settler Violence	1		1	Setting fire to cultivated land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Detention of joint patrol in R'lah.
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	Mortar towards Kfar Darom
TOTAL	57	49	106	

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, 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> <li>Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram and fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas, injuring several civilians.</li> <li>Settlement Activity: The Israeli army began expansion of the settlement of</li> </ul>	
	Neve Ya'aqov, north of the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also began construction of settler bypass roads and support walls on an area of 2,000 <i>dunums</i> (500 acres) of land confiscated in the village of Hizma.	
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 08:30, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Ramallah and detained 1 Palestinian Joint patrol for several hours. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city again and opened indiscriminate fire.</li> <li>At 22:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Ur at Tahta and imposed curfew.</li> <li>At 01:10, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li></ul>	

	Detentions:     The Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Rantis for an extended period of time and interrogated civilians.  The Israeli army detained passengers in a bus at the entrance to the village of Deir Nidham for an extended period of time. The Israeli army forced civilian passengers to evacuate the bus and queue along the roadside.
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> <li>Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and demolished 1 civilian house.</li> <li>House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 civilian house in the town of Qabatiya belonging to the family of Nasser Mohammed Khuzaimiya.</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, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army declared the city of Jericho a closed military zone.
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> </ol> </li> <li>Wall Construction: <ol> <li>Construction of the Wall continues 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> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>(ii) The Israeli Supreme Court ruled for the cancellation of construction of a portion of the Wall in the area parallel to 'Ayda refugee camp.</li> <li>• Raids: <ol> <li>(i) At 09:30, an Israeli army jeep raided 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the camp again and searched 1 civilian house. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. The Israeli army detained several civilians inside a mosque in the camp after evening prayers and prevented worshippers from reaching their homes.</li> <li>(ii) At 09:30, and again at 19:10, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Beit Jala. At 23:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:40, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched several houses and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Major Ahmed Al Mughrabi, a Palestinian National Security officer, in Ad Duheisha refugee camp.</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: <ul> <li>(i) At 11:45, an Israeli army jeep raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. At 18:30, and again at 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer and opened indiscriminate fire. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:30, an Israeli army jeep raided the village of Kafr al Labad. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Avne Hefets set fire to agricultural land adjacent to the settlement, damaging more than 150 trees.</li> </ul> </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>Detention: At 10:30, the Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at Huwwara checkpoint and prevented them from reaching their destinations in the city of Nablus.</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>House Demolitions: The Israeli authorities issued a military order to demolish 10 historic houses near Al Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<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 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and patrolled the area.</li> <li>At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus, searched several houses and arrested 4 civilians.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in town of Jayyus: <ol> <li>Fadhl Abdul Karim Saleem;</li> <li>Baha' Faheem Shamasneh;</li> <li>Issam Shbeitah; and</li> <li>Mahir 'Aref Saleem.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
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 following an Israeli Supreme Court order to halt construction in the area pending hearing of the case before the court.</li> <li>Attack: At 01:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location north of the city of Salfit towards civilian houses in the city of Salfit.</li> </ul>

## **GAZA STRIP**

NORTHERN	• <u>Closure</u> : The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
GAZA	• Attack: At 19:30, Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards Al Maqbara
	Ash Sharqiya, injuring 1 civilian.

	<ul> <li>Raids/Land Levelling: <ol> <li>Beginning at 18:30 on 28 June 2004, the Israeli army continues to impose a military siege on the town of Beit Hanun and isolate the town from all other districts. Israeli army tanks and helicopters opened intensive fire towards agricultural land and civilian houses on the outskirts of the town, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army continues to impose a siege on the area as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>At 14:35, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian Territory near Point 58 on the Green Line northeast of the town of Jabalya and levelled agricultural land.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
GAZA CITY	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 22:20, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kfar Darom.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Closure: <ul> <li>(i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 11:40, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint until 18:30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Raid: At 01:15, the Israeli army, including several tanks and bulldozers and supported by helicopters, raided 100 meters into An Nimsawi neighbourhood, opened intensive fire, fired several tank shells towards civilian houses and demolished 26 civilian houses. The Israeli army killed 1 elderly and physically disabled civilian when it demolished his home while he was still in it, trapping him under the rubble of the destroyed house.</li> <li>Killing: The Israeli army killed Ibrahim Khalaf Allah, a 73 year old physically disabled civilian.</li> <li>House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 26 civilian houses in An Nimsawi neighbourhood.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	• <u>Closure</u> :  (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.  (ii) The Rafah crossing is closed for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> consecutive day.  (iii) The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.

# **GENERAL**

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul> <li>Prison Conditions: <ol> <li>7,500 political prisoners in all Israeli prisons conducted a 1-day hunger strike in solidarity with political prisoners in Galbo'a Prison and in protest against an attack by Israeli Special Forces and Police officers against prisoners in Galbo'a when they refused to strip during searches.</li> <li>The Israeli Prisons Authority moved 52 female political prisoners from Telmond Prison, holding a total of 104 female political prisoners, to Ar Ramleh Prison. Female prisoners in Israeli prisons have been subject to regular humiliation, including strip searches, physical assaults and high financial fines. The Israeli Prisons Authority also sealed prison windows with iron plates, depriving female prisoners natural light, and continues to subject the prisoners to medical negligence.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
WORK PRMITS	<ul> <li>West Bank: <ol> <li>The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 4,422 workers. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown.</li> <li>The Israeli authorities continue to refuse to renew work permits for workers in the district of Jericho to cross the Green Line.</li> <li>The Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians over the age of 35, married and with children.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Gaza Strip: <ol> <li>The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross into the Industrial Zones for 999 workers; however, only 586 workers, 59% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to enter the area.</li> <li>The Israeli authorities renewed work permits to cross the Green Line for 1,061 workers; however, only 865 workers, 82% of the total number of permits issued, were permitted to cross the Green Line.</li> </ol> </li></ul>