

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
**08:00 16 July 2004 – 08:00 17 July 2004**

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	<b>1</b>	From explosion of a sound bomb
Attacks	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. 2 tank shells
Raids	14	2	<b>16</b>	Incl. isolation of Beit Hanun
Air Patrols	2	—	<b>2</b>	Helicopters, Tulkarem & Ya'bad
Arrests (per person)	6	—	<b>6</b>	
Detention	1	—	<b>1</b>	Dozens near Beit Ur al Foqa
House Demolitions	—	2	<b>2</b>	In Beit Hanun
Land Levelling	—	1	<b>1</b>	In Beit Hanun
Destruction of Property	1	5	<b>6</b>	Incl. factories, wells, sheep pens
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closure (per District)	(All)	(All)	<b>(All)</b>	Jericho closed military zone
Closure of Main Roads	(Most)	(5)	—	Esp. connecting cities
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	<b>5</b>	2 partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	Trees uprooted in Kafr Qaddum
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. 2 tank shells at security post
Palestinian Attack	—	1	<b>1</b>	4 mortars towards settlement
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	Against the Wall in Qalqiliya
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>48</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<p>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.</p>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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 at checkpoints.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana and withdrew at 15:30.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> At 22:00, the Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Beit Ur al Foqa and prevented them from entering the village until 02:00.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Arraba, searched several houses, arrested 2 brothers, and withdrew at 04:30.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the outskirts of the town of Ya'bad, searched agricultural land, and withdrew at 20:00. Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area during the raid.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Injury/UXO:</b> At 16:30, a sound bomb left by the Israeli army exploded in the town of Qabatiya, injuring Feras Ahmad Zakarna.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Arraba: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Hazem Abd Al Fatah Al Sha'er; and</li> <li>(iii) Tariq Abd Al Fatah Al Sha'er.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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 and prevented civilians carrying Israeli ID cards from entering the city, including tourist bus drivers.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) 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> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend 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>(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> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:15, an Israeli army infantry patrol raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala until 22:00.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, set up several checkpoints in a number of neighbourhoods, and withdrew at 21:30.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched several houses, and took position in several neighbourhoods until 04:00.</li> <li>(iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Al ‘Aza refugee camp and searched 1 house. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 22:30, the Israeli army arrested Abedrabbo Abu Sha’ira at Al Sawahira Al Sharqiya checkpoint.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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>• <b>Attack:</b> At 00:50, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from the outskirts of the settlement of Einav towards land surrounding the settlement.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:35, and again at 01:50, an Israeli army patrol raided Tulkarm refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm and its suburbs and took position in several neighbourhoods.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 19:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarm.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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>• <b>Raid:</b> At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 4 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Yatta: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Haythem Yousef Ahmad Awad;</li> <li>(ii) Awad Ahmad Awad Al Jundi;</li> <li>(iii) Yassir Ahmad Ihrizat; and</li> <li>(iv) Mahmmoud Ahmad Abu Rajab.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 19:00, a group of Israeli settlers uprooted olive trees east of the village of Kafr Qaddum from land owned by Abd Al Nasser Joma'a.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 14:30, a mass demonstration including international peace activists took place in the city of Qalqiliya along the eastern side of the Wall. Simultaneously, a group of Israeli peace activists demonstrated on the western side of the Wall against the continued construction of the Wall. The protestors called for peace and for the implementation of the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice at The Hague.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> 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 route of the Wall following an Israeli Supreme Court order.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:20, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:20, an Israeli army patrol raided and patrolled various parts of the city of Salfit and set up a checkpoint at the southern entrance of the city near a Palestinian National Security location.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 02:00, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its location north of Maqbarat Al Shuhada'a, east of the town of Jabalya, towards a Palestinian National Security location on the eastern road.</li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> 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. The Israeli army levelled agricultural land</li> </ul>
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	<p>on the outskirts of the town, demolished 2 civilian houses, 4 cement factories, 1 sheep pen, 8 house fences, and 3 water wells. The Israeli army continues to impose a siege on the area as of 08:00 this morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>House Demolitions:</b> The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the town of Beit Hanun belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ibrahim Al Sawarka; and</li> <li>(ii) Khalil Al Basyouni.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing Point is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not yet reported.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(v) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed.</li> <li>(vi) Abu Holi road is partially open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 15:50, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 100 meters into the area of Khuza'a and opened intensive fire.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) The Rafah crossing is partially open for whom under the age of 16 and above the age of 35.</li> <li>(iii) The Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 01:00, 4 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Atzmona</li> </ul>

## GENERAL

<b>ISRAELI INCITEMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Incitement in Israeli Media:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Jerusalem Post Daily Newspaper, 11 July 2004: Author, Alan Dershowitz. In an article entitled "The ICJ favours Palestinian interests", Dershowitz wrote that the opinion given by the International Court of Justice at The Hague on the construction of the Wall was doubtful, and that many of the judges presiding over the Court came from countries not ruled by the laws of justice. He added</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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	<p>that the ICJ neglected the role that the Wall plays in saving innocent Israeli lives, while at the same time was biased towards Palestinian interests over Israeli interests and lives.</p> <p>(ii) Yediot Ahranot Daily Israeli Newspaper, 11 July 2004: Under the headline “Hypocrite’s Court”, author Nahom Brinya’a wrote that the presiding judge Shay Jeyong at the International Court of Justice is from the People’s Republic of China, a country which occupied by force its peaceful neighbour Tibet, and populated the area with Chinese settlers with disregard to international law and international public opinion. He added that, from a moral standpoint, the other judges of the Court and representatives of international institutions have no right to condemn Israel, as they are duplicitous. What these individuals are demanding of Israel, he stated, would never be asked of the United States, China, Russia, or dozens of other countries who have violated the law.</p> <p>(iii) Ma’arev Daily Israeli Newspaper, 11 July 2004: Author Bin Kasbit attacked the United Nations, stating that the UN has acted yet again with the same ‘anti-Semitism, the same evil, the same biases’. He stated that in Jerusalem, the ICJ advisory opinion is considered “evil, humiliating and ridiculous”, and will not affect them because they are in the right.</p>
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