مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 July 2004 - 08:00 21 July 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	As a result of medical obstruction
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	3 female civilians, incl. 1 child
Injuries	14	_	14	Incl. 2 children
Air Attack	_	1	1	Helicopter missile attack in Rafah
Attacks	8	5	13	Incl. 5 during raids
Raids	25	2	27	Incl. isolation of Beit Hanun
Air Patrols	1	2	3	Incl. Tulkarm
Arrests (per person)	20	_	20	Incl. 5 children and 1 officer
Detentions	_	1	1	Dozens of civilians
House Demolitions	5	2	7	Incl. 5 in Barta'a
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Beit Hanun
Wall Construction	15	_	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	6	9	Incl. 3 shops & crops
House Occupations	1	_	1	In the old city of Nablus
Curfews	2	_	2	Incl. Salfit & 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)	
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	2 partially open
Medical Obstruction	2	_	2	Preventing ambulances access
Settlement Activity	3	_	3	Settlement expansion
Settler Violence	2	_	2	In Za'tara & Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. demolition of 2 security posts
Palestinian Attacks	_	1	1	2 "Qassam" mortars at Green Line
TOTAL	106	27	133	

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, 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. Raids: At 00:55, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp, opened intensive fire, and searched several houses. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. At 06:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Biddu and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Biddu: Khalil Ibrahim Badwan; and Kafi Hussein Badwan.
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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya Raids/Curfew: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 2 civilians. At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Malik and arrested

	2 civilians. (iii) At 16:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ur at Tahta and imposed curfew. The Israeli army remains positioned in the village as of 08:00 this morning. (iv) At 23:30, an Israeli infantry patrol raided the city of Ramallah, patrolled the area near Al Muqata'a, and withdrew at 04:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silwad: (i) Shahir Shahim; and (ii) Hazim Abu Mohammad. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Kafr Malik: (iii) Jamil Shabana; and (iv) Zahi Mahir Hamayil.
	 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. 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.
JENIN	 Raids: Beginning at 06:00 on 20 July 2004, the Israeli army continued military activity in the village of Barta'a. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 7 civilians and several others due to tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army prevented ambulances from entering the village, arrested 2 civilians, demolished 5 houses, 13 commercial shops, and 1 olive oil factory, and withdrew at 19:00. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:00. House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 5 houses in the village of Barta'a belonging to: Yazid Qabha; Ahmad Qabha; Hassan Abd Ar Rahim Qabha; Yazid Kamal Qabha; and Yazid Kamal Qabha; and Mahmoud Wahbi Qabha; and Mahmoud Subhi Qabha. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the town of Al Yamun: Zahi Abahra.

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, 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.
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 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. The Israeli Supreme Court ruled for the cancellation of construction of a portion of the Wall in the area parallel to 'Ayda refugee camp.
TULKAREM	 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 09:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Far'un, set up a checkpoint and searched civilians. At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the town again. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm and its suburbs. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened indiscriminate fire, patrolled several neighbourhoods, and withdrew at 06:00. At 19:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp. At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the camp again and patrolled the area until 06:00. At 02:45, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and patrolled the area until 06:00. At 03:45, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the town of Anabta and arrested 3 children.

	 Air Patrol: At 14:00, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the town of Anabta: (i) Nasser Fakhri Hannun, 16 years old; (ii) Tha'er Fakhri Hannun, 17 years old; and
	(iii) Ammar Fawwaz Sami, 16 years old.
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: At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 1 house in the old city, and converted it into a military post. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 18:55, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 6 children. Killing: The Israeli army detained an ambulance carrying 1 civilian, Abd Al Latif Mulitat and prevented the ambulance from crossing a checkpoint. He died at the checkpoint. Settler Violence: An Israeli settler vehicle ran over a flock of goats near the village of Za'tara, killing 5 goats.
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: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 child. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and opened indiscriminate fire. At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 1 child in the city of Hebron: Hamdi Al Haddad, 17 years old. The Israeli army arrested 1 officer in the town of Idhna: Thabit Mohammad Islimiya, a Palestinian National Security officer. Settlement Activity: The Israeli army started began digging works for construction of new housing units for the expansion of the settlement of Kiryat Arba. Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Abigail located near the village of At Tuwani, east of the town of Yatta, expanded the outpost with the addition of 4 new caravans.

	 (iii) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Penne Hefer located south of the town of Bani Na'im added 3 caravans to the settlement. Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Ramat Yashai assaulted civilians in Tall Al Rumaida neighbourhood in the city of Hebron and threw stones at civilian houses, injuring 3 female civilians, including a child.
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 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched several houses, and arrested 1 child. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ja'far Sami Musleh, 16 years old, in the town of 'Azzun.
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 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. Raids/Curfew: At 09:30, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Salfit. At 03:50, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps raided the city again, opened intensive fire, imposed curfew, destroyed the door of 1 civilian house with explosives, and arrested 1 civilian. At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr ad Dik, searched 1 house, and arrested 4 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the city of Salfit: Mustafa Mohammad Zuhd. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Kafr Ad Dik: Faris Aziz Qassul; Majed Mahmoud Naji; Ahmad Nafiz Taha; and Mahran Nafiz Taha. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched vehicles and civilians.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. Raids/Land Levelling: 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 continues to level agricultural land on the outskirts of the town, demolished 1 the Agricultural Action Union building, 1 agricultural cooler, 1 green house, 2 Palestinian National Security posts, and 2 chicken farms. The Israeli army continues to impose a siege on the area as of 08:00 this morning.
GAZA CITY	 <u>Closure</u>: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 13:00, 2 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Attack</u> : At 22:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the outskirts of the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards Palestinian Territory southeast of the city of Deir Al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. Abu Holi road is partially open. At 16:00, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din Road near Abu Holi Checkpoint and reopened the road to vehicle travelling from the north to the south at 16:50. Attack: At 02:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 2 tank shells towards Al Nimsawi neighbourhood.
RAFAH	 Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. The Rafah crossing is closed. The Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 13 armoured vehicles, 3 bulldozers, and supported by helicopters, raided Al Salam neighbourhood in the city of Rafah, opened intensive fire, and demolished 1 house. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Air Attack: At 02:20, Israeli army helicopters fired 1 missile towards a gathering of civilians in the city of Rafah. Attack: The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Al Barazil neighbourhood. House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in Al Salam neighbourhood in the city of Rafah belonging to Mohammad Matariya.