# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

### **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 08 July 2004 - 08:00 09 July 2004

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	_	2	1 in Hajja, 1 in Hebron
Physical Assault	1	_	1	3 civilians beaten in Biddu
Injuries	2	7	9	Incl. 2 children, 5 female civilians
Incursion	_	1	1	Beit Hanun
Attacks	5	10	15	Incl. 3 tank shells & from helicptr.
Raids	21	_	21	
Air Patrols	3	3	6	
Arrests (per person)	17	7	24	Incl. 1 child & 2 officers
Detentions	2	2	4	Hundreds of civilians
House Demolition	1	_	1	2-storey house in Ya'bad
Wall Construction	15	_	15	Jerusalem, Jenin, Ramallah, Beth
House Occupations	_	(Several)	(Several)	Several houses in Beit Hanun
Curfews	1	1	2	Beit 'Ur and Beit Hanun
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)			Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	3 Partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces		1	1	Open fire towards security post
TOTAL	70	36	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 village of Biddu and severely beat 3 civilians, injuring all 3 civilians, including bone fractures.</li> <li>Detention: The Israeli army detained dozens of civilians at 2 checkpoints set up at the entrances to the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa and prevented them from the reaching their destinations.</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 continues in Rantis, Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Beit Liqya and Beituniya.</li> <li>Raids/Curfew: <ol> <li>At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Ur at Tahta and imposed curfew over the village. The curfew remains in effect as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Mazari' an Nubani and the villages of Deir Sudan and 'Arura, opened indiscriminate fire and searched several houses. An Israeli army helicopter patrolled the skies over the area.</li> <li>At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid.</li> </ol> </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: 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>Raids: <ol> <li>At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched 1 civilian house and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad and demolished a 2-storey civilian house belonging to the family of a political prisoner. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians and withdrew from the area at 05:00.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests:  The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Jenin: <ol> <li>Ra'ed 'Azmi Al Yamuni; and</li> <li>Ala' Mohammed at Turkman.</li> </ol> </li> <li>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Ya'bad: <ol> <li>Mohammed Bilal;</li> <li>Firas Hamarsheh;</li> </ol> </li> <li>House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 civilian house in the town of Ya'bad belonging to the family of Habib Fawwaz Khamis, a political prisoner.</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> </ul>

### **Wall Construction:** (i) 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. (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. (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, searched several civilian houses and arrested 3 civilians. The Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled several (ii) neighbourhoods. The Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took (iii) place between the Israeli army and civilians. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including Sharif Darwish, in the town of Al Khadr. **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 **TULKAREM** granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact economic and livelihood activities and impedes access to health facilities. Raid: At 20:15, an Israeli army jeep raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and took position in several neighbourhoods. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at 01:45. **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: (i) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched several civilian houses, and arrested 1 civilian. An Israeli army reconnaissance plane and several helicopters patrolled the skies over the city. The **NABLUS** Israeli army withdrew from the area at 20:35. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Iba and arrested 1 (ii) civilian. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested Bilal Al Aswad in the city of Nablus. (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ramadan Isma'il in the village (ii) of Beit Iba.

#### **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: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, surrounded 1 civilian house and opened fire towards the house, killing 1 civilian, and **HEBRON** arrested 3 others. Killing: The Israeli army killed Marwan Ali Al Qawasmi in the city of Hebron. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Hebron: (i) Ghalib Mreish; (ii) Faraj Al Qawasmi; and (iii) Abdul Rahim Junaidi. **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:** (i) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Azzun 'Atma and distributed evacuation notices in order to demolish 2 civilian houses, 1 water reservoir and 1 greenhouse, claiming that the structures were built without construction permits. At 23:05, an Israeli army jeep raided the village of Hajja, opened fire (ii) towards 1 civilian vehicle, killing 1 civilian and injuring 2 others. **QALQILYA** At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of the Qalqiliya, searched 1 (iii) civilian house and arrested 1 child. At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Azzun and arrested 3 (iv) individuals, including 1 Palestinian Police officer. Killing: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Khamis Masri Raba' in the village of Hajja. **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested 17 year old Ahmed Abdul Malik Othman in the city Qalqiliya. The Israeli army arrested 3 individuals in the village of 'Azzun: Sa'ed Suhail, a Palestinian Police officer; (ii) (iii) 'Uqbah 'Issam Hawwari; and Ibrahim Hawwari. (iv)

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- <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 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.
- Attack: At 22:20, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from its location north of the city of Salfit towards civilian houses in the city of Salfit.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

### **Closure:** The Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. Incursion/Curfew: Beginning at 02:30 on 08 July 2004, the Israeli army remains positioned in the town of Beit Hanun after imposing a military siege and isolating the town from all other districts since 28 June 2004. The Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the town and occupy several houses after converting them into military posts. Israeli army tanks **NORTHERN** and helicopters opened intensive fire, and the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army remains positioned in the town as of 08:00 this **GAZA** morning. Attacks: At 10:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian farmers north (i) of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 14:05, Israeli army helicopters opened fire towards civilian houses (ii) in the town of Beit Hanun and An Nada towers. **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Musa Rida Ahmad in the town of Beit Hanun. **Closure:** The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. **Attack:** At 19:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 1 **GAZA CITY** Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ijlin coastal junction, southeast of Gaza city. **CENTRAL** Activities not yet reported. GAZA

#### **Closure:** (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (ii) (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road is partially open. At 11:20, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road at Abu Holi checkpoint. At 14:30, the Israeli army **KHAN YUNIS** closed the road again and arrested 6 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Attack: At 23:05, the Israeli army fired 3 tank shells from its location at Point 12 towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of An Nimsawi. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 6 individuals, 1 of whom was idenitifed as Captain Shafiq Al Burim, a Palestinian National Security officer, at Abu Holi checkpoint. **Closure:** (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) The Rafah crossing is closed to civilians between the ages of 16 - 35. (iii) The Sufa crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. **Attacks:** (i) At 16:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Tall as Sultan checkpoint towards civilian houses in the **RAFAH** neighbourhood of Tall as Sultan, injuring 6 civilians, including 1 male child, 1 female child and 4 female adult civilians. At 17:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the (ii) area surrounding the settlement of Eastern Morag towards Palestinian Territory north of the district of Rafah. At 19:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on (iii) the Egyptian border towards civilian houses, injuring 1 female civilian.