مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 02 April 2005 – 08:00 03 April 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 female civilian left with contusions
Injury	1	_	1	During confrontations in Nazlat Issa
Attacks	2	9	11	Incl. 1 during a raid & 9 from posts
Raids	15	4	19	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 5 in Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	3	4	7	Incl. 4 children
Detentions	5	_	5	At checkpoints
Wall Construction	22	_	22	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. house furniture damaged
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	7	_	7	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 1 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	4	_	4	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	_	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Access permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. 2 partially open
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. 2 house houses confiscated
Provocation of Pal. Forces	6	_	6	Incl. position near 1 Pal. post in Salfit
Palestinian Attacks	_	2	2	Incl. 1 Qassam mortar
Demonstration	1	_	1	In Nazlat Issa against the Wall
TOTAL	72	22	94	

DISTRICT	EVENT	
ALL DISTRICTS	Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of Palestinian President Yasser Arafat, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.	

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram Junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya, the village of Beit Surik, and in the section of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Flying Checkpoints: At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on 'Uyun Al Haramiyeh junction along the Ramallah-Nablus road, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 18:55, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kobar and patrolled the area. At 19:25, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area until 01:30. At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and took position near 2 Palestinian Police vehicles. A number of civilians gathered in the area. The Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire, intimidating civilians, and withdrew at a later time.

Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sanur along the Nablus-Jenin road, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and obstructed civilian movement. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians **JENIN** granted special Israeli permits. Raid: At 15:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the area between Ash Shuhada' junction and the entrance to the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 19:00. **Settler Violence:** At 15:35, a group of Israeli settlers provoked civilians travelling along the Nablus-Jenin road near the junction to the village of Sanur. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raids: At 02:00 on 02 April 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar (i) Ras, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 04:00. At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil, pursued 1 illegal (ii) vehicle in the town, and arrested its driver. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar Ras, searched a (iii) number of houses, and withdrew at 01:30. (iv) At 23:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Al Ghusun, searched 2 houses, and served a summons to 1 civilian to TULKAREM report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 04:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided Area (A) in the (v) town of 'Illar and patrolled the area until 06:30. **Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 21:30, an Israeli army patrol approached 1 Palestinian National Security checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and provoked Palestinian officers positioned at the checkpoint. **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the town of 'Attil. **Demonstration:** At 10:15, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Nazlat Issa in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.

QALQILYA	<u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
NABLUS	 Flying Checkpoint: At 07:00 on 02 April 2005, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Shavei Shomron along the Nablus-Jenin road, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. Raids: At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Iba, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 01:30. At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled several neighbourhoods until 04:30. Arrests: At 08:30, Israeli troops positioned at the town of Beit Furik checkpoint arrested 2 civilians: Hassum Nassasrah; and Ahmed Muleitat.
SALFIT	 Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 15:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit, took position near 1 Palestinian National Security location, and withdrew from the area at 16:00.
JERICHO	 Closure: The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho obstructed civilian movement, permitting only Jericho and Jerusalem ID holders access to the city. Flying Checkpoint: At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Al 'Auja near the settlement of Yitav (the only entrance connecting Area (A) between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja), searched civilian vehicles, and prevented civilians not holding Jericho IDs from crossing, thereby violating an agreement by which security control was transferred to the Palestinian Authority. According to the agreement, the Israeli army may not set up a checkpoint or prevent civilians from entering the area; it is only allowed to erect a surveillance point to search civilian vehicles on a selective basis.
BETHLEHEM	• <u>Closure</u> : 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 presence in the villages illegal.

	 Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo) north of the city of Beit Jala, and west of the village of Husan. Raid: At 13:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 14:00.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. Flving Checkpoint/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of At Tabaqa, south of the town of Dura, and detained 1 Palestinian National Security vehicle for an extended period of time. Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, took position opposite Al Muqata'a for an extended period of time, and patrolled several neighbourhoods. At 07:45, the Israeli army raided the city again and forced 1 Palestinian Police vehicle to stop, after firing 1 sound grenade towards it. Israeli troops aimed their guns towards Police officers who were in the vehicle and searched the vehicle. Destruction of Property: At 22:00, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, levelled and destroyed vendor stalls along Ash Shalala Street in the city of Hebron. Settler Violence/Destruction of Property/Physical Assault: At 21:00, a group of Israeli settlers raided 1 house in the Tall ar Rumeideh in the old city of Hebron, damaged its furniture, and severely beat Bahiyyeh Subh ash Sharabati, a female civilian, leaving her with contusions, after which she was transported to hospital. Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Ramat Yishay in Tall ar Rumeideh in the old city of Hebron confiscated 2 houses belonging to: Joudeh Al Bakri; and Zakary Al Bakri.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
- Arrests: At 20:45, the Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified children near Point 118 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp, claiming that they attempted to infiltrate into areas inside the Green Line.

GAZA	• Closure:		
GAZA	(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.		
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. Attacks: (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 7 towards the area of Ad Delta north of Al Amal neighbourhood. (ii) At 13:05, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 12 and 13 towards Palestinian territory in An Namsawi neighbourhood. (iii) At 02:25, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell towards the area of Al Maqaber near An Namsawi neighbourhood. (iv) At 02:55, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 11 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan refugee camp. Raids: (i) At 11:05, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 148 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara. (ii) At 17:15, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep and 1 bulldozer, raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 145 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara. (iii) At 17:20, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory opposite Point 10. Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 11:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired and landed on Palestinian territory in the yard of a house in Al Amal neighbourhood. (The mortar did not explode). (ii) At 00:05, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Neve Dekalim. However, the mortar did not explode. 		
RAFAH	 Closure: (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. 		

- (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.
- (iv) Rafah Crossing is open. The Israeli army restricted opening hours of the crossing to 4 hours daily.

• Attacks:

- (i) At 11:35, and again at 17:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp.
- (ii) At 13:55, and again at 08:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8.5 along the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.
- (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army detonated explosives on land near Point 8 along the Egyptian border opposite the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.
- Raid: At 01:30, 2 Israeli army bulldozers raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory near Point 6 along the Egyptian border opposite Al Barazil neighbourhood.