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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 April 2004 – 08:00 05 April 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	Tulkarem refugee camp
Injuries	14	_	14	Incl. 3 children & 2 critical
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Against male & female civil.
Attacks	7	1	8	Incl. 7 tank shells
Raids	24	_	24	Incl. Arab Women's Cen., Jer.
Air Patrols	2	_	2	Reconnaissance & helicopters
Arrests (per person)	15	1	16	Incl. 1 injured in hosp, 3 child.
Detentions	2	1	3	Incl. dozens of school students
House Demolition	1	_	1	Partial demolition of house
Wall Construction	16	_	16	Jer., Ramallah, Beth. & Jenin
House Occupations	3	_	3	Buildings in Ramallah district
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	Computers and files
Curfew	1	_	1	Arraba
Checkpoints	All	_	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)		Closing all districts
Closures (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	_	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	3 Partially open
Attack on Hospital	1	_	1	Raid on Tulkarem hospital
Religious Sites				
School Disruption	1	_	1	Raid on Shuweika school
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against Wall const., Biddu
TOTAL	92	8	100	

DISTRICT	EVENT

ALL DISTRICTS

Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip following the assassination of Sheikh Ahmad Yassin. The Israeli army prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line and entering Jerusalem, closed all crossing points to workers, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the city, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: (i) Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, Sur Bahir and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. (ii) Preparatory work, including land levelling, for construction of the Wall continues in Beit Surik and Qatanna. (iii) Wall construction continues in the village of Anata. Raid: The Israeli army raided the offices of the Arab Women's Care Centre in Jerusalem, confiscated files and computers, arrested 2 female employees and closed the centre's offices. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 female civilians in Jerusalem: (i) Sajida Abdin; and (ii) Maysa Lidawiya. Demonstration/Injuries: A demonstration took place in the village of Biddu near the area in which construction of the Wall is taking place on village land. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians occurred, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Construction of the western portion of the Wall continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya.

	 Raids: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, occupied 3 buildings and converted them into military posts. At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Rantis and arrested 1 civilian. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Sinjil and opened indiscriminate fire. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Sudan, searched 1 house, demolished 1 room in the house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 02:00, 2 Israeli army jeeps raided the village of Kafr 'Ein. The Israeli army raided the village of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya and arrested 1 civilian. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Zuhdi Hasan Mahmoud in the village of Rantis. The Israeli army arrested Ayman Muhammad Hijaz in the village of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya.
JENIN	 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 education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun and towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida to the Jordan River. Raid: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Arraba, imposed curfew, searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Damir Al Daqqa in the town of Arraba.
JERICHO	Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing civilians from crossing.
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. Wall Construction: The Israeli army continues construction of the Wall north and east of the district of Bethlehem, stretching westwards along Wadi Hulwa, the Armenian convent, the Jerusalem/Bethlehem road, and the tunnel

- road (Gilo); south east of Wadi Hulwa; south east of Beit Sahur and Ish Ghurab military post; and west of the town of Za'tara and Al Fureidis mountain.
- (ii) The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/31/04 confiscating an area of land measuring 2305 meters in length and 2 meters in width from the village of Husan for construction of the Wall. The land is located north of the village and stretches along the Israeli settler bypass road #60 to the entrance of the village in the west at Bata Elate settlement junction.
- Attack: At 16:40, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians from Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint on the road leading to Tulkarem.

• Raids:

- (i) At 12:30, and again at 19:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Jala.
- (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 1 child.
- Physical Assault: At 17:00, the Israeli army severely beat 1 male and 1 female civilian at Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint. Both civilians were hospitalized for injuries sustained during the assault.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Husam Al Kahtib in the city of Bethlehem.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmad Shahin, 17 years old, in the town of al Khadr.

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• Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities.

Raids:

(i) At 14:15, Israeli Special Forces in a civilian vehicle raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened fire towards several civilians, killing 1 civilian and injuring 9 others, including 2 children in critical condition.

(ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, surrounded the public hospital, opened fire and fired sound bombs into the hospital yard and forced the hospital administration to hand over an inured civilian, Khaled Kharyush, claiming that he was wanted by the Israeli army, despite the fact that he was critically injured in the head. The Israeli army also arrested a Palestinian National Security officer who was in the hospital. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the area again and arrested 2 civilians in Dahiyat Irtah.

TULKAREM

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	 (iii) At 21:25, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp. (iv) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Shuweika, raided the
	town's school and arrested 1 student.
	Killing: The Israeli army killed Rami Al Khalili in Tulkarem refugee
	camp.
	• Air Patrols:
	(i) At 09:15, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the
	district.
	(ii) At 17:35, Israeli Apache helicopters patrolled the skies over the district.
	Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from Tulkarem Hospital:
	(i) Kahled Kharyush, injured; and
	(ii) Abdallah Abu Qasida; a Palestinian National Security officer.
	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Dahiyat Irtah:
	(iii) Mohammad Abu Baker; and
	(iv) Abdul Rahman Salman.
	The Israeli army arrested 1 child from Al Shuweika School:
	(v) Mohammad Zeidan.
NABLUS	 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 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and arrested 1 civilian. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Karsuh in the city of Nablus. The Israeli army arrested Salih Awadna in the town of Huwwara. Detentions: At 15:00, the Israeli army detained a number of students on their way home from school at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Till. The students were released at 20:35. At 15:00, the Israeli army detained the head of the Beit Furik Municipal Council at a checkpoint set up near the village of Beit Furik based on claims that the Municipal vehicle he was travelling in was not registered on their computers. He was released at 03:00.
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 07:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Hebron. The Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir, searched 1 house and

	arrested 1 civilian. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ali Al Jabbarin in the town of Sa'ir.
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 education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. Raid: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area.
SALFIT	Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing dozens of entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure</u> : Beit Hanoun crossing is partially open to businessmen over 28.	
GAZA CITY	 Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. Al Muntar crossing is partially open. Attack: At 23:15, the Israeli army fired 7 tank shells from Point 105 towards the area of Juhor ad Dik in Wadi Gaza. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not yet reported	
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians over 40. (iv) Abu Holi road was partially open. At 15:50, and again at 04:40, the 	

	Israeli army closed the road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints, searched vehicles, and detained 4 civilians.
RAFAH	 Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. Sufa crossing is open to specific cargo only. Rafah crossing was partially open. Arrest: On 3 April 2004, the Israeli army arrested Ruhi Abu Ghazala during the Israeli army raid in Al Salaam neighbourhood.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 Hunger Strike: Political prisoners in Hadarim Prison began an open-ended hunger strike, refusing to take food, water and medicine, in protest against the harsh prison conditions they have been subject to. Prison Conditions: Political prisoners in Nafha prison protested against the continued prevention of family visits for the last 2 years, and submitted a complaint that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) has not visited the prison to monitor their conditions of imprisonment. There are currently 120 prisoners who require immediate medical attention in Nafha Prison.
WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: 4,864 permits for workers were issued; however, no workers have been allowed to cross the Green Line since the closure imposed on 22 March 2004. Gaza Strip: 3,308 workers crossed into the Erez Industrial Zone, 67% of a total of 5,003 workers issued permits. 11,519 workers carry valid permits to cross the Green Line; however, no workers have been allowed to cross the Green Line since the closure imposed on 22 March 2004.