مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 April 2004 – 08:00 13 April 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	1	_	1	Civilians beaten at checkpoint
Injuries	2	_	2	2 children in Al Am'ari RC
Attacks	10	7	17	
Raids	27	2	29	
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Helicopters over Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	9	_	9	
Detentions	2	_	2	
House Demolition	_	1	1	3-storey house
Land Levelling	_	1	1	
Wall Construction	14	_	14	Jer., Ramallah, Beth. & Jenin
Destruction of Property	_	1	1	
House Occupations	2	_	2	Ramallah & Tulkarem RC
Curfew	1	_	1	Nablus
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	_	4	4	2 Partially open
School Disruption	1		1	School surrounded, Am'ari
Provocation of Pal. Forces		3	3	Attacks on Nat. Sec. posts
Demonstration	1		1	Against Wall const., Ramallah
TOTAL	71	19	90	

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, 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: Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, Qatanna, Biddu and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. Raid: The Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp, opened fire and fired tear gas towards civilians.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. Wall Construction: 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 12:45, and again at 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and Al 'Am'ari refugee camp, surrounded 1 school in the refugee camp, occupied the rooftop of a building in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayet and converted it into a military post. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians (including students) occurred, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silwad, one of whom was identified as Musaitir Hammad.

	<u>Demonstration</u> : A mass demonstration organized by the Wall Defence Committee took place in the city of Ramallah.
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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 towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, took position on house rooftops and opened indiscriminate fire.
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.
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: 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). Physical Assault: At 09:40, the Israeli army beat several civilians and opened indiscriminate fire at Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint. Raids: At 10:10, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of Al Khadr, raided the Arab Bank and arrested a member of the bank's security personnel. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. At 01:50, the Israeli army raided Ayda refugee camp and arrested 2 civilians. At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested Firas Abu Aliya in the town of Al Khadr. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Ayda refugee camp: Muhamad Hammad; and Muhammad Al Jabri.

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• Attacks:

- (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians at Bal'a checkpoint.
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians, confiscated the IDs of 2 civilians and informed them to report to the DCO at the checkpoint near the town of Iktaba.
- (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the outskirts of the settlement of Enay.

• Raids:

- (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Attil and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilian houses.
- (ii) At 10:30, an Israeli army jeep raided the town of Anabta and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Seida and searched 1 house.
- (iv) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, took position at its northern entrance, opened indiscriminate fire towards civilian houses, occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post.
- (v) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a, set up a flying checkpoint in the town, examined civilian IDs and opened indiscriminate fire.
- (vi) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp.Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians took place, during which the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire.
- (vii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and opened fire towards civilians.
- (viii) 22:00, an Israeli army jeep raided the village of Zeita and raided the town's school.
- (ix) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Lid, searched several houses and arrested 3 civilians.
- (x) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Al Labad and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 17:35, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs.

• Arrests:

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Lid:

(i) Muhammad Rajab;

TULKAREM

	 (ii) Abdul Hadi Barhush; and (iii) Sameh Jabbara. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the town of Kafr Al Labad: (iv) Ala Al Aswad
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. Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army, supported by heavy machinery, raided the city of Nablus and its suburbs, opened intensive fire, imposed curfew, searched 1 building after evacuating its residents and detained residents in a neighbouring building, who remain detained as of 08:00 this morning.
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.
QALQILYA	 <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. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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.
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> : The Beit Hanoun crossing is partially open to merchants.
GAZA CITY	 <u>Closure</u>: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 20:30, the Israeli army, supported by 3 bulldozers, raided the area south of the settlement of Nitsareem, and demolished a 3-storey house in close proximity to the settlement, claiming the house was used for attacks. <u>House Demolition</u>: The Israeli army demolished a 3-storey house south of

	 Gaza city belonging to the Abu Khusa family. <u>Killings</u>: On 12 March 2004, the Israeli army killed 2 civilians south of Gaza city, rather than 3 civilians as reported in yesterday's SITREP: (i) Iyad Al Tahrawi; and (ii) Ahmad Hassan.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Attack: At 20:30, and again at 22:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards the area south of the city of Deir Al Balah.
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. (iv) Abu Holi road was partially open. Raid: At 20:30, the Israeli army including 1 bulldozer, raided the area of Al Rabawat al Gharbiya, opened intensive fire and levelled land.
RAFAH	 Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. Sufa crossing is open to specific cargo only. Rafah crossing is partially open. Attacks: At 21:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 2 tank shells from Point 9.5 towarsd civilian houses in Yabna refugee camp. At 00:50, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 200, the Israeli army towards the Palestinian National Security location east of the city of Rafah. At 01:30, the Israeli army opened fire fom Point 198 towards 2 locations belonging to the Palestinian National Security east of Rafah city.

GENERAL

	West Bank: All permits for West Bank residents were cancelled. Workers
	were informed that new permits would be issued when the closure is lifted.
WORK	• Gaza Strip: At 09:20, workers demonstrated at the Erez crossing in protest
PERMITS	against the harsh Israeli procedures they have been subjected to while
	crossing into the Erez Industrial area. The Israeli army fired tear gas
	towards protestors, injuring 3 civilians.