مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 13 April 2005 – 08:00 14 April 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A number of civilians severely beaten
Injuries	14	_	14	Incl. 5 children
Attacks	6	7	13	5 during raids and 8 from mil. posts
Raids	23	2	25	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 5 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrols	2	_	2	Troops dispatched from helicopters
Arrests (per person)	6	_	6	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	3	1	4	At checkpoints and residential comp.
House Demolitions	2	_	2	Incl. in 'Anata in Jerusalem
Land Levelling	1	_	1	In the village of Kafr Qaddum
Wall Construction	23	_	23	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Olive trees in Kafr Qaddum
House Occupation	1	_	1	A number of houses in El Bireh
Checkpoints	(All)	_	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem & 1 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	4	_	4	Incl. Jerusalem & 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	_	2	2	Incl. 1 partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	1	_	1	1 mosque raided in Surif
School Disruption	1	_	1	Teachers and students delayed
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Settlement of Kedumim expanded
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. open fire towards Israeli army
Pal. Security Measures	1	_	1	10 illegal vehicles handed over
Demonstration	1		1	In the village of Bil'in in Ramallah
TOTAL	106	17	123	

DISTRICT	EVENT	
ALL DISTRICTS	Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of 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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala for Wall construction. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the village of 'Anata, claiming that they are in close proximity to 'Ananot military base and the Wall, and physically assaulted residents. The Israeli army also distributed notifications to 30 families to demolish their make-shift homes.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raids/Air Patrol/House Occupations/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 09:10, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and the village of Kafr 'Aqab and searched several houses. At 19:20, Israeli army infantry forces raided the village of Abu Shukheidim, after an Israeli army helicopter dispatched them. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and occupied a number of houses. At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bil'in.

	 (v) At 01:25, Israeli Special Forces raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and combed the area near a Palestinian National Security location. • <u>Demonstration</u>: A mass demonstration took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians.
JENIN	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to the town of Ya'bad and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 10:45, an Israeli army tank raided the village of Bir al Basha, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 11:20, Israeli troops raided the area near the junction to the town of Jaba', after an Israeli army helicopter dispatched them.
TULKAREM	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raid: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Shufa, detained a number of civilians, and interrogated them after transporting them to At Tayba checkpoint. At 21:00, the Israeli army released the civilians.
QALQILYA	 Wall Gates/School Disruption: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector, delaying students and teachers from reaching their school on time. Raids: At 10:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 1 civilian. At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun and the villages of Beit Amin and Mas-ha, set up a checkpoint at their entrances, and patrolled the area. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Fawwaz Shubeitah in the town of 'Azzun. Settlement Activity/Destruction of Property: The Israeli army levelled approximately 30 dunums (7.5 acres) of civilian land cultivated with olive trees near the settlement of Kedumim for expansion of the settlement.

NABLUS	 Attack: At 23:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its military post on At Tur Mountain towards the village of Kafr Qalil. Raid: At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, searched several houses, and arrested 2 civilians. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in Balata refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. At 07:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: Thafer Mansour; and Mahdi Darwazeh. At 13:25, the Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Yousef Majdi Abu Samrah at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Yasuf with an iron gate. The Israeli army restricted the opening hours of the gate from morning until 18:00. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf. At 17:00, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint and examined civilians' IDs until 19:30.
JERICHO	 Closure: The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. At various times, the Israeli army prevented civilians and Palestinians holding Israeli IDs from entering the city of Jericho, permitting only Jericho and Jerusalem ID card holders access to the city. Flying Checkpoint: At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat road and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrest: At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint on Wadi al Badhan road between the districts of Jericho and Nablus arrested 'Arafat Thib Bani 'Odeh. Palestinian Security Measures: On 13 April 2005, Palestinian security forces confiscated 10 illegal vehicles in the city of Jericho and handed them over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
BETHLEHEM	• Closure: 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 continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo) north of the city of Beit Jala, west of the village of Husan, and in the village of Al Walaja. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr. At 16:50, and again at 20:20, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, and searched civilians and vehicles.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues 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: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nabi Yunis at the entrance to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack on Religious Sites/Palestinian Attack: (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif, raided Al 'Umari Mosque, and took position atop its roof. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 7 civilians, including 1 civilian, during which the Israeli army injured 7 civilians, including 1 civilian in critical condition and 4 children. The Israeli army also arrested 1 child. (ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, claiming that armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli vehicle at the entrance to the town. The Israeli army also detained a number of buses transporting school students for several hours. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil and searched a number of houses. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Khadr Ali Abu Farah in the town of Surif.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	Activities not reported.	
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GAZA	Closure: (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory southwest of the city of Deir Al Balah. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: The Israeli army, including 2 tanks, took position near Point 111 on the Green Line and directed spotlights at 1 Palestinian National Security location east of Al Bureij refugee camp. Palestinian Attack: At 01:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired and exploded in the air over Palestinian territory in Wadi as Salqa.
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 partially open. Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. Abu Holi road in open. At 21:05, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints. At 21:25, the Israeli army reopened the road. Raid: At 10:25, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 100 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 145 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara. Palestinian Attack: At 17:35, 2 mortars were fired towards the settlement of Gadid. The Israeli army responded by opening indiscriminate fire towards Palestinian territory.
RAFAH	 Closure: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. Rafah Crossing is open. The Israeli army restricted opening hours of the crossing to 4 hours daily to arrivals only. Attacks: At 15:05, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from its location along the Egyptian border towards the area of Al Barahima.

- (ii) At 00:45, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 7 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.
- (iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location along the Egyptian border towards Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.
- (iv) At 02:10, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares from its locations at Points 6 and 7 along the Egyptian border towards civilian houses and 1 Palestinian National Security location in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.
- Raid: At 17:25, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory in Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 02:05, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned along the Egyptian border opposite Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.