مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 April 2004 – 08:00 15 April 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	
Injuries	30	20	50	Incl. 3 critical injuries
Attacks	9	1	10	Incl. attack from helicopter
Raids	20	2	22	
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Combat aircraft & helicopters
Arrests (per person)	18	_	18	Incl. 1 female & 2 officers
Detentions	1	2	3	Incl. civ. in building, El Bireh
House Demolition	4	4	8	
Land Levelling	1	_	1	Agricultural land in Kafr Ein
Wall Construction	14	_	14	Jer., Ramallah, Beth. & Jenin
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	
Curfews	2	_	2	Silwad & Deir Jarir
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
Settlement Activity	1	_	1	Outpost rebuilt, Kiryat Arba
Settler Violence	4		4	Incl. 2 civilians beaten
Demonstration	1		1	Against Wall const. in Biddu
Palestinian Attack		1	1	Mortar towards Green Line
TOTAL	110	35	145	

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 the town of Bir Nabala, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in Bir Nabala. Demonstration: Residents of the village of Biddu demonstrated against the continued levelling of land in the village for construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army fired tear gas and opened fire, injuring 28 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. Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled large areas of land and uprooted trees in Jabal Khirbet at Tut near the village of Kafr 'Ein. Raids: At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, searched 1 house and evacuated its residents. At 04:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and the village of Deir Jarir, imposed curfew and arrested 5 civilians in Silwad. Air Patrol: At 07:40, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the

	city of Ramallah. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Silwad: (i) Hasan Hammad; (ii) Muhammad Hammad; (iii) Abdul Karim Hammad; (iv) Hussein Hammad; and (v) Kamal Abu Zeina.
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 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, indiscriminately opened intensive fire, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Shadi Abu Hatab Abbas in the city of Jenin.
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). House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in Ayda refugee camp belonging to the family Ali Eliyan, deceased. The Israeli army partially demolished 1 house in the city of Bethlehem belonging to the family of political prisoner Issa Al Battat. Raids: 14:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem. At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer, searched several houses, partially demolished 1 house and arrested 5 civilians. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Duheisha refugee camp and patrolled

the area. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided Ayda refugee camp and demolished (iii) 1 house. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Bethlehem: (i) Muhammad Al Arruj; Yusif Al Ghammur; (ii) Nasir Al Sheikh; (iii) (iv) Muhammad Al Sheikh; and Shadi Al Sheikh. (v) **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. Attacks: (i) At 00:10, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians in close proximity to the Wall near the village of Qaffin. At 01:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at the DCO (ii) towards civilian houses. Raids: At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Jamal, patrolled (i) TULKAREM the area and opened indiscriminate fire. At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Anabta, set up a flying (ii) checkpoint, detained vehicles and searched passenger IDs. At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, set up a flying (iii) checkpoint in the centre of town and opened indiscriminate fire. At 01:55, the Israeli army used explosives to destroy 1 apartment in a civilian building. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Qaffin. Confrontations (iv) between the Israeli army and civilians took place. (v) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and the towns of Shuweika and Iktaba, and opened fire. At 04:30, the Israeli army demolished a vehicle repair workshop. **House Demolitions:** The Israeli army used explosives to destroy 1 apartment belonging to (i) Al Kuleibi family in the city of Tulkarem. The Israeli army demolished 1 vehicle repair workshop. (ii) **Arrests:** (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 Palestinian National Security officers at a checkpoint set up at the junction of the town of Beit Lid:

	(ii) Majdi Abu Al Rub; and (iii) Muhammad Abu Al Rub.
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: The Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area. Settler Violence: At 20:10, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Alan Moray severely beat 1 female civilian, Fat-hiya Abdul Rahman, resulting in skull fractures. At 24:00, Israeli settlers from the village of Burin surrounded 1 house and broke its widows before the Israeli army removed the settlers from the village.
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. Raid: At 02:00 on 14 April 2004, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian. Settler Violence: At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat 2 female civilians in Tel Rumeda in Hebron. Settlement Activity: Israeli settlers re-established a settlement outpost called Ghiburim by placing a caravan in the area near the settlement of Kiryat Arba. Arrests: On 14 April 2004, the Israeli army arrested Anas Abu Iram in the town of Yatta. At 12:20, the Israeli army arrested Maysun Abu Esha in the old city of in Hebron.
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 23:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun and conducted a search campaign in a stone quarry. Settler Violence: Armed Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim forced farmers to leave their farmland under the threat of violence.

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. Raid/Physical Assault: At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr ad Dik, opened intensive fire, and severely beat and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr ad Dik: Ahmad Abdul Karim; and Yusif Abdul Wahab Ad Dik.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: The Beit Hanoun crossing is partially open to merchants. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 22:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired from the area of Al Salatin towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	• <u>Closure</u> : The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Closure: Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians. Abu Holi road was partially open. (At 13:10, and again at 20:15, the Israeli army closed the road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs.
RAFAH	 Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. Rafah crossing is partially open. Sufa crossing is partially open. Raids: At 23:35, the Israeli army, including 28 APCs, 3 bulldozers and helicopters, raided the area of a Al Sha'ut and opened intensive fire towards civilians houses. Israeli helicopters fired 1 missile towards a crowd of civilians, injuring 20 civilians, 3 in critical condition. The Israeli army demolished 3 houses and remained present in the area as

of 08:00 this morning.

(ii) At 07:00, the Israeli army raided Al Salaam neighbourhood and demolished 1 house.

• House Demolitions:

- (i) The Israeli army demolished 3 houses in the area of Al Sha'ut, claiming to be searching for tunnels.
- (ii) The Israeli army demolished 1 house in Al Salaam neighbourhood, claiming to be searching for tunnels.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: All permits for West Bank residents were cancelled. Workers were informed that new permits would be issued when the closure is lifted. Gaza Strip: 2,822 workers crossed into the Erez Industrial zone, 57% of a total of 5,014 workers who hold valid work permits. 11,429 workers holding valid work permits were not allowed to cross the Green Line due to the imposed closure.
POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Hunger Strike</u> : Political detainees in Benyamin detention centre, located in Ramallah, began an open-ended hunger strike in protest against their inhumane conditions of detention. The 50 detainees have been subject to medical negligence, lack of adequate hygiene supplies, and have been held in tents rampant with pests. The hunger strike was declared after the administration of the detention centre refused to meet demands of the detainees for basic supplies.