مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 30 April 2004 – 08:00 01 May 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	2	3	
Attacks	3	1	4	
Raids	20	1	21	
Air Patrols	3		3	
Arrests (per person)	5	_	5	
Detentions	2	_	2	Incl. Police officers
House Occupation	1	_	1	
Curfews	4		4	
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	2 Partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Raid on Police Stn., Hebron
Demonstration	_	1	1	
Palestinian Attacks	_	3	3	5 Mortars
TOTAL	40	13	53	

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 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. Worshipers from other districts were prevented from reaching Al Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers. The Israeli army took position at the gates of Al Aqsa Mosque and inspected civilian IDs, permitting only civilians over age 45 from entering the Mosque and detaining worshippers. Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the Mosque. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 village of Beit Anan and arrested 3 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the village of Beit Anan.
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 was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Ni'lin, Beit Liqya, Beituniya and near the village of Midya.
	• Raids: (i) Beginning at 04:55 on 30 April 2004, the Israeli army continues to raid the town of Beituniya and to impose curfew until 22:00. (ii) At 11:50, an Israeli army jeep raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area.

	(iii) At 17:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Arura and opened indiscriminate fire.
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 was suspended for the weekend south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.
JERICHO	Closure/Closed Military Zone: The Israeli army declared the Jordan Valley area a closed military zone. 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/Closed Military Zone: The Israeli army declared the Bethlehem District a closed military zone. 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 was suspended for the weekend 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). Raids/Curfews: Beginning at 07:30 on 30 April 2004, the Israeli army continues to raid the cities of Beit Sahur, Beit Jala and Bethlehem and imposed curfew over the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem and imposed curfew. At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and imposed curfew. At 21:20, Israeli army jeeps raided Ayda refugee camp. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided Duheisha refugee camp and searched I house. At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Wadi Shahin and arrested I civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Yusif Khaled Salahat in the area of Wadi Shahin.

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TULKAREM	 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. Attack: At 23:00, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire in the area surrounding the settlement of Avne Hefets. Raids: At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ramin. At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the area again and opened indiscriminate fire. At 13:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Tulkarem refugee camp. At 16:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area. An Israeli army jeep ran over Mu'ath Mahmoud Daqa, 16 years old. At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Bizzariya and imposed curfew. At 24:00, 12 Israeli army jeeps raided Nur Shams refugee camp and took position in several of its neighbourhoods before withdrawing at 06:00. Air Patrols: At 22:30, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district, its suburbs and refugee camps. At 21:20, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district and its suburbs. Arrest: At 15:50, the Israeli army arrested Nasir Muhammad Hinhin at a checkpoint set up between the towns of Anabta and Ramin.
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 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched several houses in the old city of Nablus, occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post before withdrawing at 05:00.
HEBRON	 <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>Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, surrounded the Palestinian Police station in Al Nimra neighbourhood and examined Police officer's IDs.

<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. 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 **QALQILYA** facilities. Raid: (i) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun and patrolled the (ii) At 06:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqilya and patrolled the area. <u>Closure</u>: 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. **SALFIT Detention:** At 22:00, the Israeli army detained several civilians and blindfolded them in the area of Al 'Ein, located between the towns of Kafr Ad Dik and Deir Ghassana, until 00:10.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. (Open only to foreign nationals and diplomats) <u>Attack</u>: At 18:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards several children east of the village of Al Badawiya near the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring 2 children. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 06:15, 4 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	 Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. Al Muntar crossing (Karni) is closed. Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Gaza and gathered at the Presidential headquarters in solidarity with President Arafat and in condemnation of threats made to his life by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. Palestinian Attack: At 19:15, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.

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. Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including bulldozers, raided 100 meters into Palestinian Territory west of West Khan Yunis refugee camp near Al Tuffah checkpoint and began digging a ditch along the length of the settlement of Neve Dakaleem. Palestinian Attacks: At 00:15, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kded.
RAFAH	 Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. Rafah crossing is closed to civilians under the age of 35. Sufa crossing is closed. Attack: At 16:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 6, 7, 8, and 9 towards civilian houses in the area of Zu'rob, Yabna refugee camp, Salah Ad Din gate and Al Barazil neighbourhood, injuring Ahmad Zu'rob, 12 years old.