مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 May 2004 - 08:00 05 May 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	1	2	1 child & 1 officer
Physical Assault	1	_	1	Civilian severely beaten
Injuries	4	11	15	Incl. 4 children
Attacks	11	3	14	
Raids	31	3	34	Incl. raid on hotel, Jerusalem
Air Patrols	2	1	3	
Arrests (per person)	21	2	23	Incl. 1 child & 1 injured
Detentions	3	_	3	
House Demolition	_	1	1	
Land Levelling	_	2	2	
Wall Construction	14		14	Jer'lm, Ramallah, Jenin, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	
House Occupation	2	_	2	
Curfews	2	_	2	
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
Archaeological Sites	1	_	1	
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2		2	Incl. Police station searched
Demonstrations	1		1	
Palestinian Attacks		2	2	Mortars towards settlement
TOTAL	98	31	129	

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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. Wall construction was suspended in Qatanna and Biddu pending an Israeli High Court ruling. Raids: The Israeli army raided the town of Al Eizariya, searched several houses and arrested 5 unidentified civilians. The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and took position in the Cliff Hotel, located near the Wall. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Al Eizariya.
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, Ni'lin, Beit Liqya, Beituniya and near the village of Midya. Raids: At 20:20, the Israeli army took raided and took position in Khirbet Kafr it Toot, located between the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein, and fired sound bombs. At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, raided 1 Hotel, detained civilians in the hotel, and arrested 3 civilians. At 01:40, the Israeli army detained a Palestinian Police vehicle and examined officer's IDs.

- (iii) At 23:05, the Israeli army raided and imposed curfew on the village of Beit Ur Al Tahta, claiming that shots were fired at an Israeli vehicle.
- (iv) At 23:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and the village of Kafr 'Ein, opened fire, fired sound bombs and patrolled the area.
- (v) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp.
- (vi) The Israeli army raided the village of Rantis and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Ramallah, including:
- (i) Yasir Hadayid; and
- (ii) Marshud Salah ad Din.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Rantis:

- (iii) Suheib Jamil Al Sheikh, 16 years old;
- (iv) Saeb Abu Salim, 16 years old; and
- (v) Muhammad Al Turki.

The Israeli army arrested Advocate Fadwa al Barghouthi, wife of imprisoned Marwan al Barghouthi, in Ofer Military Prison Camp while she was visiting her detained son. She was released several hours later.

• <u>Archaeological Site</u>: The Israeli Archaeological Department began excavating in the area of Khirbet Dasra near the village of Budrus.

JENIN

- <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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.

• Raids:

- (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, raided and searched its Police station, detained Police officers, examined officer's IDs, and detained 1 Police offifer for several hours before releasing him.
- (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched several houses and arrested 3 civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Jenin:
- (i) Rami Qadsiya;
- (ii) Muhammad Zahi; and
- (iii) Osama Turkman.

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 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: The Israeli army physically assaulted several civilians, injuring 1 civilian, at Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint. Raids: At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and searched 1 house. At 03:15, the Israeli army raided Duheisha refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Abdul Rahman Hasanat in Duheisha refugee camp.
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 21:20, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Avne Hefets. Raids: At 19:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a and opened indiscriminate fire. At 20:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, searched several houses and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 Palestinian Police officer. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, searched 1 house, occupied 2 houses and converted them into military posts. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until 06:00.

	(v) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Shufa and imposed
	curfew.
	(vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Seida, searched 1 house and
	opened indiscriminate fire.
	• Air Patrols:
	(i) At 21:50, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the district and its
	suburbs.
	(ii) At 23:40, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district and its suburbs.
	• Killing: At 14:00, Falah Abu Zeitun, 11 years old, was killed and 2 other
	children aged 13 and 15 years old injured, while they were playing with
	remnants from UXO in the town of Deir Ghusun.
	• <u>Demonstration</u> : At 11:00, a rally took place at Al Khaduri University in
	solidarity with President Arafat and in condemnation threats made to his
	life by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.
	• 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:
	(i) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and its suburbs,
NABLUS	searched several houses and arrested 3 college students.
	(ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Talluza and searched
	several houses.
	• <u>Arrests</u> : The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Nablus:
	(i) Ahmad Samara;
	(ii) Ala' Jabbarin; and
	(iii) Ahmad Jabbara.
	• 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.
	• Attack: At 10:30, the Israeli army, positioned on the bridge between the
	city of Hebron and the town of Halhul, opened fire towards civilians as
HEBRON	they were travelling to their workplaces, injuring 1 civilian.
	• <u>Raids</u> :
	(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and set up a
	checkpoint near the Civil Police station, examined civilian IDs, and
	detained several civilians. At 20:30, the Israeli army opened fire and
	arrested 2 civilians, including 1 injured civilian.
	(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp and searched
	several houses. (iii) The Israeli army reided the town of Sprif and arrested 1 civilian
	(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 1 civilian.

	(iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 civilian.
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	• Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Khaled Al Za'tari and Husam Nasir ad Din in the city of Hebron.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Ahmad Al Haj in the town of Surif.
	(iii) The Israeli army arrested 1 unidentified civilian in the town of Dura.
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. At 22:25, the Israeli army closed the main Wall gate leading to the town of Azzun. Raid: At 22:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun, fired sound bombs and opened fire towards civilians.
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. Raids: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Hares and arrested 1 civilian. At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan, raided the offices of Al Zakat Committee and the Islamic Relief Committee, and confiscated computers and documents. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ehab Sultan in the village of Hares.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. (Open only to foreign nationals and diplomats) <u>Attack</u>: At 15:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards several children near Al Nada towers in the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring 5 civilians, including 4 children.
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GAZA CITY	 Closure: (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Raid/Land Levelling: At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 22 tanks and 4 bulldozers, raided the city of Deir Al Balah, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, killing a Palestinian National Security officer and injuring 6 civilians, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer, Ahmad Shuqeir. The Israeli army demolished 1 house and a cement factory and levelled land in the area. The Israeli army remains present in the area as of 08:00 this morning. Killing: The Israeli army killed Abdallah Jamal, a First Lieutenant in the Palestinian National Security. House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house and a cement factory belonging to the Fu'ad Abu Masi'.
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 16:45, the Israeli army closed the road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians on the Abu Holi road, one of whom was identified as Muhammad Darwish. Palestinian Attack: At 00:15, 4 mortars, including 2 Qassam mortars, were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Daroom.
RAFAH	 Closure: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. Rafah crossing is closed to civilians under the age of 35. Raids/Land Levelling: At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided Al Salaam area and levelled land. At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 27 tanks and 5 bulldozers and supported by helicopters, raided Al Barazil neighbourhood and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses.