

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 March 2004 – 08:00 1 April 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	21	—	21	During confrontations
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Civilian beaten
Attacks	6	1	7	
Raids	24	1	25	
Air Patrols	5	—	5	Helicopters & combat aircraft
Arrests (per person)	40	1	41	Incl. 2 children & 9 officers
Detentions	3	1	4	Incl. worshippers in mosque
Land Levelling	1	1	2	
Wall Construction	16	—	16	Jer., Ramallah, Beth. & Jenin
Destruction of Property	3	—	3	Incl. contents of psych. hosp.
House Occupations	3	—	3	Incl. 2 buildings
Curfews	2	—	2	Al Zawiya & Al Arrub RC
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	3 Partially open
Attack on Hospital	1	—	1	Raid on psych. hosp., Beth'lm
Religious Sites	1	—	1	Civilians detained in mosque
School Disruption	2	—	2	Incl. school raid, Shu'fat RC
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Attack & house occupations
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against Wall const., Qatanna
TOTAL	132	10	142	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<p>Since March 22 2003 the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip following the assassination of Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, the founder of Hamas. 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.</p>
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, Sur Bahir and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. (ii) Preparatory work, including land levelling, for construction of the Wall in Beit Surik and Qatanna continues despite an Israeli Supreme Court order to suspend all work. Work continues based on an Israeli army claim that the land being levelled is located in No Man's Land. (iii) The Israeli army continues Wall construction in the village of Anata. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Shu'fat refugee camp and Shu'fat Boys Elementary School and fired tear gas. (ii) The Israeli army raided Dahiyat Al Bareed, surrounded Anas Bin Malik mosque and detained worshipers until late evening. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Biddu and opened indiscriminate fire. • Settler Violence/House Occupation: A group of Israeli settlers, protected by the Israeli army, raided and occupied 2 apartment blocks consisting of 14 apartments in Silwan neighbourhood. Confrontations with the Israeli army and settlers occurred as civilians refused to leave their apartments, resulting in 10 civilian injuries and 6 arrests. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in Silwan neighbourhood: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fuad Al Rajabi; (ii) Tareq Al Rajabi; (iii) Firas Al Rajabi;
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Khader Al Rajabi; (v) Suada Abu Najma; and (vi) Nadir Beidun. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a demonstration took place in the village of Qatanna in protest against the continued construction of the Wall, despite an order by the Israeli Supreme Court to suspend all construction in the village. Confrontations occurred between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 11 civilians.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 06:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and the village of Jifna. Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ur al Tahta, searched several houses and arrested 2 civilians. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Beit Ur al Tahta: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hamza Towfiq; and (ii) Nadi Musa. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the village of Kafr Ni'ma: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Muhannad Al Dik.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 02:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ra'i, searched 1 house and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Kafr Ra'i: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhammad Miflih, 17 years old;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Akram Zuhdi; and (iii) Anas al Sheikh Ibrahim.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing civilians from crossing.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: The Israeli army continues construction of the Wall north and east of the district of Bethlehem, stretching westwards along Wadi Hulwa, the Armenian convent, the Jerusalem/Bethlehem road, and the tunnel road (Gilo); south east of Wadi Hulwa; south east of Beit Sahur and Ish Ghurab military post; and west of the town of Za'tara and Al Fureidis mountain. • Raid: At 04:45, 50 Israeli army jeeps raided the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem, surrounded a psychiatric hospital and opened fire. Israeli helicopters opened intensive fire towards the 2nd floor of the hospital, causing severe damage to the building. The Israeli army arrested 17 civilians, including 8 officers from a military medical unit. The Israeli army raided the house of Dr. Isam Bannura, director of the psychiatric hospital, in Beit Sahur, severely beat him and took him to the psychiatric hospital before releasing him. • Detention: At 11:40, the Israeli army detained a large number of civilians, including the mayor of Bethlehem, at Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire at civilian vehicles at a checkpoint set up near the entrance of the town of Bal'a. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:45, an Israeli army jeep raided Tulkarem refuge camp, searched 1 house, damaged furniture and property, and arrested 6 civilians. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Al Labad and

	<p>opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrols:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the city (ii) At 23:00, and again at 01:00, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the district. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in Tulkarem refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhammad Hasan, 16 years old; (ii) Mahmoud Shahed; (iii) Anas Al Husari; (iv) Ayman Hijazi; (v) Omar Al Turk; and (vi) Omar Hijazi.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Land Confiscation Notice:</u> The Israeli army verbally informed residents of the village of Khirbet Tana to evacuate their homes and land within 1 week, claiming that the village is located on land designated for Israeli settlements. The area of the village is 2,500 <i>dunums</i> (625 acres). • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Sawiya and shut down Al Sawiya Secondary School, claiming that Israeli settler vehicles have been attacked by stones from the direction of the school. (ii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Ras El 'Ein refugee camp, occupied 1 building and converted it into a military post. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Urif, searched several houses and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ra'fat Al Safadi and Zeid Al Safadi in the village of Urif. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmad Hamadna at a checkpoint located between the town of Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of al Tur.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli arm raided the town of Dura and the village of Kurza and searched several houses. (ii) The Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp and imposed curfew. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Abdul Hay Abu Rayan at a checkpoint near the settlement of Kfar Etzion.

QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Arrest: At 17:20, the Israeli army arrested Muhammad Oweinat at a checkpoint located on the Qalqiliya/Tulkarem road.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr ad Dik. At 22:10, the Israeli army, accompanied by a bulldozer, levelled land to close the road connecting the village to the settlement of Peduel and uprooted a number of trees. (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin. (iii) At 05:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Zawiya and imposed curfew. The curfew remains in effect as of 08:00 this morning. • Settler Violence: At 19:20, an armed Israeli settler opened fire while driving near the junction of Haris towards civilian houses.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beit Hanoun crossing is partially open to businessmen over 28. (ii) At 19:15, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road to vehicles, stating that the closure was for security reasons north of Beit Hanoun. The road was later reopened.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) Al Mintar crossing (Karni) remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.

KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 over 40 years old. (iv) Abu Holi road was partially opened. At 14:50, the Israeli army closed the road between the checkpoints of Abu Holi and al Matahin. • Attack: At 17:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 12 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighbourhood. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 16:20, 2 Israeli tanks and 2 bulldozers raided Al Amal neighbourhood and searched the area with police dogs. The Israeli army levelled land west of Al Amal neighbourhood.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Sufa crossing is open to specific cargo only. (iii) Rafah crossing is partially open. • Arrest: At 18:40, the Israeli army arrested Muhammad Atiya, a Palestinian National Security officer, at the Rafah crossing.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Prisoners: Child detainees at the Benyamin Military Detention Centre near Ramallah have been subject to extreme mental duress during interrogation, medical negligence and inadequate food rations. • Physical Assault: 6 political prisoners in Etzion and Adummim Prisons were physically assaulted and severely beaten by Israeli soldiers.
WORK PRMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 3,595 permits for workers were issued; however, no workers have been allowed to cross the Green Line since the closure imposed on 22 March 2004. (ii) Work permits for residents of Bethlehem continue to be held at the Israeli Civil Coordination Committee headquarters. • Gaza Strip: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 1,870 workers crossed into the Erez Industrial Zone, 38% of a total of 5,003 workers issued permits. (ii) 11,519 workers carry valid permits to cross the Green Line; however, no workers have been allowed to cross the Green Line since the closure imposed on 22 March 2004.