مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 May 2004 - 08:00 09 May 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death		1	1	
Injuries	2	2	4	Incl. 1 child
Attacks	9	5	14	Incl. from navy boat & tank
Raids	29	1	30	
Air Patrol	1		1	Helicopter over Qabatiya
Arrests (per person)	14	4	18	Incl. 1 child & 3 officers
Detentions	3		3	
House Demolitions	_	2	2	
Wall Construction	14		14	Jer'lm, Ramallah, Jenin, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1		1	Car destroyed in Tulkarem
Curfews	1		1	Beit Iba
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	_	3	3	2 Partially open
School Disruption	2	—	2	
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	2	4	Incl. attack on security post
Demonstration	1		1	
Palestinian Attack		1	1	
TOTAL	79	21	100	

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.
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the city, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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.
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 resumed in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Ni'lin, Beit Liqya, Beituniya and near the village of Midya. <u>Detention</u>: The Israeli army detained hundreds of civilians for several hours at a checkpoint set up between the city of Ramallah and the town of Bir Zeit, delaying university students and employees. <u>Attacks</u>: (i) At 19:15, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians near the junction of the village of Turmus'ayya, injuring 1 civilian, and arrested the injured civilian. (ii) The Israeli army located opened indiscriminate fire intermittently at a checkpoint set up near the village of 'Ein Qiniya. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 17:00, and again at 03:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Kafr 'Ein and An Nabi Salih and patrolled the area. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh

	 and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 officer. At 19:15, and again at 20:00, the Israeli army raided 1 building and patrolled the area surrounding Al Muqata'a. The Israeli army detained 1 Civil Police vehicle and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. (iii) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Arura and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, including: (i) Muhammad Al Qarawi, an General Intelligence officer; and (ii) Iyad Rafiq Abdul Rahman, a Palestinian Police officer. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child, in the town of Arura: (iii) Katiba Khuseib 15 years old; (iv) Suleiman Khasib; and (v) Shehadeh Khasib. <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:00, a demonstration including children suffering from Thalassemia marched towards Al Muqata'a in solidarity with President Arafat and in condemnation of threats made to his life by Israeli Prime Minister Sharon.
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 was resumed south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Atara and searched several houses. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, raided a secondary school, searched classrooms and opened fire while exiting the school, claiming that they had been fired at. The Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, searched several houses and arrested 2 civilians. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Ya'bad: (i) Suleiman Amin Nazzal; and (ii) Mufid Adil Nazzal.

JERICHO	• <u>Closure</u> : 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	 <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 civilians from crossing. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Construction of the Wall was resumed 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). <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and its suburbs and patrolled the area. At 21:15, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire, searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 20:50, and again at 21:15, an Israeli army jeep raided Ayda refugee camp. <u>Arrests</u>: (i) The Israeli army arrested Nasir Khaled Al Tawil in the city of Bethlehem. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Yasir Subeih at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the city of Jerusalem.
TULKAREM	 <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>Raids</u>: (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, set up checkpoints throughout the city, detained civilians for several hours, destroyed 1 civilian vehicle and arrested 1 officer. (iii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al Labad and patrolled the area. <u>Arrests</u>:

NABLUS	 <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/Curfew</u>: (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camps. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians took place in Balata refugee camp. (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Iba and imposed curfew. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians took place. <u>Arrest</u>: At 14:00, the Israeli army arrested Bilal Ibsharat, a college student, at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the city of Nablus.
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>Attack</u>: The Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians as they were travelling to their workplaces at a checkpoint set up on Halhul bridge. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and its suburbs and patrolled the area. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the towns of Dura, Tarqumiya and Idhna and patrolled the areas.
QALQILYA	 <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.
SALFIT	 <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. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 07:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area. (ii) At 18:00, an Israeli army jeep raided the village of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure</u>: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. (Open only to foreign nationals and diplomats). <u>Attacks</u>: At 21:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards 2 Palestinian National Security locations northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 22:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired several tanks shells towards the area of Abu Safiya, east of the town of Jabalya. At 07:30, an Israeli army navy boat fired 1 shell towards a civilian vehicle in the area of Al Sudaniya, west of the town of Beit Lahiya. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 02:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired from the area near the city of Al Sheikh Zayid towards the Industrial area in Beit Hanoun.
GAZA CITY	• <u>Closure</u> : The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Activities not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 <u>Closure</u>: 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. <u>Attack</u>: At 21:45, the Israeli army fired 5 tank shells from Point 185 towards the area of Al Khuza'a. At 02:20, the Israeli army fired 4 tank shells towards the same area, killing 1 civilian and injuring 2 others. <u>Raid</u>: At 17:25, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided the area of Abu Haddaf in Al Qarara, south of the Kissufim road, near a Palestinian National Security location, and demolished 2 houses. <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed 1 unidentified civilian in the area of Al Khuza'a. <u>House Demolitions</u>: The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the area of Abu Haddaf in Al Qarara belonging to Suleiman Hajjaj and Khalaf Hajjaj.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure</u>: The Gaza International Airport remains closed. Rafah crossing is closed to civilians under the age of 35. <u>Arrests</u>: At 22:50, the Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the area of Al Jaradat, east of Gaza International Airport:

(i)	Samir Abu Jarad;
(ii)	Fowzi Abu Jarad;
(iii)	Riyad Abu Jarad; and
(iv)	Walid Abdul Aziz Abu Jarad.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	 <u>Prison Conditions</u>: Detainees at Etzion Military Detention Centre continue to be subject to inhumane conditions of detention, including overcrowded cells, physical assaults, and insufficient quality and quantity of food. Political prisoners at Negev (Ketziot) Military Prison Camp have appealed to human rights organisations to draw attention to their increasingly difficult conditions of imprisonment. This includes inhumane treatment by the prison administration, including withdrawing prisoner's privileges, banning family visits, prohibiting purchases from the prison canteen, and continued medical negligence.
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