

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 April 2004 – 08:00 17 April 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	1	2	Incl. 1 child
Injuries	7	—	7	Incl. 3 children
Attacks	11	6	17	Incl. attack by settler
Raids	9	5	14	
Air Patrols	2	—	2	Helicopters and recon. balloon
Arrests (per person)	4	—	4	Incl. 1 officer
Land Levelling	—	2	2	70 dunums
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	Agricultural land
House Occupation	4	—	4	Tulkarem refugee camp
Curfew	1	—	1	Tulkarem refugee camp
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
School Disruption	3	—	3	Budrus, Beituniya, Tulk. RC
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Attack on herd of sheep
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against Wall, Beituniya
TOTAL	44	21	65	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<p>Since 22 March 2003, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip following the assassination of Sheikh Ahmad Yassin. 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>

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<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. Muslim worshipers were prevented from reaching Al Aqsa Mosque for Friday prayers, many of whom were forced to pray at checkpoints. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, 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 Al Eizariya, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. • Air Patrol: An Israeli army helicopter and reconnaissance balloons patrolled the area over Al Aqsa Mosque compound during Friday prayers. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Thabit, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of al Eizariya.
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 was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya. • Settler Violence: At 19:00, Israeli settlers opened fire at a herd of sheep in the area between the town of Kafr Malik and the village of Al Mughayyir. • Demonstration: At 11:30, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beituniya near the settler bypass road in protest against the continued construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army opened fire towards

	<p>protestors, killing 1 child, and injuring 2 others.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed 17-year-old Hussein Awad, a student at the Beituniya Boys School, in the town of Beituniya. • <u>School Disruption:</u> Classes in 5 schools, serving 2,066 students, in the town of Beituniya and the village of Budrus were suspended in mourning of the killing of Hussein Awad.
JENIN	<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>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 suspended for the weekend south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Raid:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Arraba. Brief confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the district, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented civilians from crossing.
BETHLEHEM	<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 civilians from crossing. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north and east of the district of Bethlehem. • <u>Attack:</u> At 21:50, the Israeli army, position in Jabal Abu Ghuneim, opened fire towards civilian houses in Beit Sahur. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and its suburbs and patrolled the area. (ii) At 02:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Jala. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 14 April 2004, the Israeli army arrested Khalil Zawahira in the village of Artas. (ii) On 15 April 2004, the Israeli army arrested Rami Al Adam at Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Walid Salem in the city of Bethlehem (date of arrest unconfirmed).

<p>TULKAREM</p>	<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 09:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its position at the DCO towards civilian houses, claiming to have been fired upon by armed individuals in the area. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:05, the Israeli army continued its raid on Tulkarem refugee camp, which began at 19:50 on 15 April 2004. The Israeli army occupied 4 houses, imposed curfew for the second consecutive day, and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians. At 18:30, the Israeli army injured 4 civilians, including 2 children. The curfew remains in effect, suspending classes in UNRWA schools in the refugee camp. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp, took position and opened fire indiscriminately, claiming that youth were throwing stones. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Far'un and opened fire, injuring 1 civilian. (iv) At 06:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and searched the office of the Ministry of Interior of the district.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<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. • Attack: At 23:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the northern mountains towards the road of Asira ash Shamaliya. • Raid: At 22:20, the Israeli army raided 'Askar refugee camp and opened intensive fire. • Air Patrol: At 22:00, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Nablus and its suburbs.
<p>HEBRON</p>	<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.
<p>QALQILYA</p>	<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.

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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.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Beit Hanoun crossing is partially open to merchants.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) remains closed. • Killing: At 11:00, Mustafa Sarsur, 63 years old, died as a result of injuries sustained during the Israeli army extra-judicial killing of Sheikh Ahmad Yassin on 22 March 2004.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 13:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom south of the city of Deir al Balah. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 17:30, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer, raided south-west of the city of Deir al Balah and levelled agricultural land near the settlement of Kfar Daroom.
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) is partially open to pedestrians. (iv) Abu Holi road was partially opened. • Attack: At 15:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Al Matahin checkpoint towards Palestinian Territory south of the city of Khan Yunis. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 14:30, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer, raided the area of Al Qarara and levelled 70 <i>dunums</i> (17.5 acres) of agricultural land.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Closure:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.(ii) Sufa crossing is closed to civilians whose age is below 35 years old.(iii) Rafah crossing is closed.• <u>Raids:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) At 13:20, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided 20 meters into Palestinian Territory near the Salah ad Din Gate, planted explosives in the area, detonated the explosives and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses.(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks, raided Palestinian Territory near the area of Al Sha'ut and opened intensive fire towards the area of Al Sha'ut and Al Barahma.(iii) At 01:55, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks, raided 50 meters into Palestinian Territory in Al Salaam neighbourhood and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses.
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