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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 01 April 2005 – 08:00 02 April 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	—	2	2	2 children in West Khan Yunis RC
Attacks	2	15	17	Incl. 1 during a raid & 15 from posts
Raids	14	—	14	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 4 in Nablus
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 1 Pal. National Security officer
Detentions	4	—	4	Incl. in residential compounds
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem & 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	4	—	4	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 1 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Access permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. 1 partially open
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. open fire at Palestinian post
Demonstrations	2	—	2	In 'Azzun and Az Zawiya
TOTAL	46	23	69	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, obstructing worshippers from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya, the village of Beit Surik, and in the section of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints/Detention: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of El Bireh near the City Inn Hotel and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the detour road between Al Jalazun refugee camp and the village of Surda and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and detained 1 bus until 01:50. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.

	<p>(ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. At 21:30, and again at 01:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</p>
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ramin, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian, allegedly for driving an illegal vehicle. (ii) At 19:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Qaffin, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 18:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, stopped at a Palestinian National Security checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and interrogated Palestinian National Security officers positioned at the checkpoint regarding possession of weapons. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint 250 meters away from the Palestinian National Security checkpoint and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Ramin arrested Abed Abu Anwar. <p>Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar arrested 2 civilians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Jamal Akram 'Ajaj; and (iii) Abdul Fattah Abdul Ghani.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 06:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 07:00. • Demonstration: At 11:20, a mass demonstration took place in the town of 'Azzun. Protestors performed Friday prayers on land to be confiscated by the Israeli army for Wall construction.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Zawata, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 02:30. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until 02:30. (iii) At 09:00 on 31 March 2005, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and arrested 3 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Furik: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ashraf Hamdi Hajj Ali; (ii) Ahmed Hamdi Hajj Ali; and (iii) Iyad Mustafa Hajj Ali. (iv) At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned at the town of Beit Furik checkpoint arrested Nihad Ali Hanani.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Jamma'in and Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the city of Salfit and the village of Iskaka and prevented civilians from crossing from both directions. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Deir Ballut in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints at the entrances to the city of Jericho and roads connecting towns and villages, allowing only Jericho and Jerusalem ID holders to access the city. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and prevented civilians not holding Jericho ID cards from crossing, thereby violating the agreement by which security control was transferred to the Palestinian Authority. According to the agreement, the Israeli army is not allowed to prevent civilians from entering the city of Jericho.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo) north of the city of Beit Jala, and west of the village of Husan. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and set up a checkpoint near the Palestinian National Security checkpoint. At 15:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town again until 16:00. (ii) At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:25. • Arrest: On 31 March 2005, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ibrahim Subeih, a Palestinian National Security officer, during its raid on the town of Al Khadr.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the H2 section of the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. • Raid: At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • Attack: At 08:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 65 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. (iii) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (iv) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 10:15, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the settlement of Kfar Darom towards Palestinian territory southwest of the city of Deir Al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, injuring 2 children. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army fired 1 sound grenade near Point 8 towards a number of children opposite Al Amal neighbourhood.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. (iv) Rafah Crossing is open. The Israeli army restricted opening hours of the crossing to 4 hours daily. • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:10, again at 14:50 and 15:15, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8.5 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp. (ii) At 08:15, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9.5 along the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp. (iii) At 08:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 along the Egyptian border towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in Ash Sha'ut neighbourhood and towards Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp. (iv) At 09:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 10 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in Rafah refugee camp. (v) At 10:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 6.5 and 8.5 along the Egyptian border towards Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and Sufa neighbourhood in the city of Rafah. (vi) At 16:55, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the village of Ad Duhniya along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory near Rafah Crossing. (vii) At 00:25, the Israeli army detonated explosives on land near Point 6.5 along the Egyptian border opposite Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.