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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 04 April 2005 – 08:00 05 April 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	**3**	Incl. 1 elderly female civilian beaten
Attacks	3	8	**11**	2 during raids and 9 from posts
Raids	23	2	**25**	Incl. 8 in Bethlehem & 2 in N. Gaza
Arrests (per person)	11	5	**16**	Incl. 6 children and 2 officers
Detentions	5	—	**5**	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolitions	2	—	**2**	In Beit Hanina north of Jerusalem
Land Levelling	—	1	**1**	East of the town of Jabalya
Wall Construction	23	—	**23**	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	1	—	**1**	Over 200 olive trees uprooted
House Occupation	1	—	**1**	In the city of Hebron
Checkpoints	(All)	—	**(All)**	
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	**11**	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 1 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	4	—	**4**	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	**—**	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	**(All)**	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	**3**	Incl. 2 partially open
Settlement Activity	1	1	**2**	Incl. settler bypass road construction
Settler Violence	2	—	**2**	Incl. garbage dumped in Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	**1**	Open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Pal. Security Measures	1	—	**1**	10 illegal vehicles handed to Israelis
TOTAL	**91**	**21**	**112**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	• Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of Palestinian 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

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JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram Junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala for Wall construction. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues 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 prohibiting civilians from crossing. • **House Demolitions/Physical Assault:** The Israeli army demolished 2 houses in the town of Beit Hanina in the northern area of the city of Jerusalem. Israeli troops also severely beat, and injured, house owners protesting against the demolition of their houses.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Saffa and Bil'in and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.

	• **Raids:** (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Abu Shukheidim. (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah.
JENIN	• **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Raid:** At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Tubas and patrolled the area until 13:00.
TULKAREM	• **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Raid:** At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar Ras, searched a number of houses after detaining and interrogating residents. The Israeli army also recorded civilians' names, telephone numbers, and addresses and drew the interior design of the houses. At 01:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
QALQILYA	• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Nablus-Qalqiliya road, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Wall gate to the village of 'Azzun 'Atma. Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate searched civilians with a metal detector. • **Raid:** At 02:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. • **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up along the Nablus-Qalqiliya road arrested Sami Issam Hannoun, a Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Azzun: (ii) Mohammed Adam Badwan, 14 years old; and (iii) Qassem Salameh Saleem. • **Settler Violence:** (i) A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim prevented civilians from accessing their agricultural land near the settlement.

	(ii) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim constructed a garbage dump on the site of a stone quarry located between the settlement and the city of Nablus.
NABLUS	• **Raids:** (i) At 19:30, an Israeli army tank raided the town of Beit Iba and the village of Zawata, fired sound grenades, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Zawata, and patrolled the area. At 22:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled several neighbourhoods until 02:30. • **Arrests:** At 17:25, the Israeli army arrested 2 children, claiming that they attempted to stab an Israeli soldier on At Tur Mount in the city of Nablus: (i) Imad Fayez 'Arafat, 16 years old; and (ii) Mahmoud Ghazi Abu Thra', 14 years old.
SALFIT	• **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • **Raids:** (i) At 11:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and set up a checkpoint between the city and the village of Khirbet Qeis. At 12:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Marda, opened fire, and fired sound grenades, while patrolling the area. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bruqin. (iv) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** The road between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja (Road # 90) is closed with cement blocks. At various times, the Israeli army prevented civilians and Palestinians holding Israeli IDs from entering the city of Jericho, permitting only Jericho and Jerusalem ID card holders access to the city. • **Checkpoint:** At 14:10, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at southern entrance to the city of Jericho (known as the DCO checkpoint) searched civilian vehicles and examined the IDs of civilians travelling to the city of Jericho, violating the agreement by which security control was transferred to the Palestinian Authority. According to the agreement, the Israeli army is not allowed to search civilian vehicles entering the city of Jericho. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 12:40, and again at 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Mu'arrajat road between the districts of Ramallah and Jericho and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along Al

	Mu'arrajat road arrested Yousef Al Hashash, a Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at Al Karamah (Allenby) Bridge arrested Imad Isma'il Abu Dahouk, a resident of Aqbat Jaber refugee camp, as he was travelling home from Jordan. • **Palestinian Security Measures:** On 04 April 2005, Palestinian security forces confiscated 10 illegal vehicles in the city of Jericho and handed them to Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** 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. • **Wall Construction/Destruction of Property:** (i) Construction of the Wall continues 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. (ii) The Israeli army began land levelling for Wall construction in the area between 'Ein Al Himya and 'Ein Al Juweiza in the village of Al Walaja, uprooting over 200 olive trees. • **Physical Assault:** At 17:45, Israeli troops positioned at checkpoint # 300 leading to the city of Jerusalem severely beat 55-year-old female Ratibeh Mohammed Sha'lan, after which she was transported to hospital from injuries sustained. • **Raids:** (i) At 03:00 on 04 April 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and Nahhalin and arrested 3 civilians. (ii) At 09:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled the area until 18:15. (iii) At 11:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area until 18:50. (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp and searched 1 house. (v) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 01:00. • **Arrests:** On 04 April 2005, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the villages of Husan and Nahhalin: (i) Ziyad Hassan Hamamreh; (ii) Mamdouh Mohammed Hamamreh; and (iii) Hassan Shakarneh.

HEBRON	• **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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Tarusa and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues 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. • **Attack:** The Israeli army opened fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Kiryat Arba' towards a number of farmers working their agricultural land near the settlement. • **Raids/House Occupation:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched 1 house after detaining its residents. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, patrolled the area, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining its residents and cutting off the telephone line. The Israeli army remained positioned in the house until 03:00. (ii) The Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested 'Atallah Isam'il Ar Ra'i in Al 'Arrub refugee camp. • **Settlement Activity:** The Israeli army began construction of a settler bypass road (measuring 600 meters in length and 6 meters in width) on Palestinian civilian land along the settlement of Kiryat Arba'.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure:** Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • **Raid/Land Levelling:** At 13:45, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 500 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya and levelled land. At 17:10, the Israeli army raided the area again, erected barbed wires, and placed cement blocks in the area. • **Arrests:** At 14:50, the Israeli army arrested 3 children near Point 62 east of the town of Jabalya: (i) Yasser Ramadan Hamid, 14 years old; (ii) Ramadan Bassam Al Far, 14 years old; and (iii) Ahmed Ar Rantisi, 15 years old.

GAZA	• **Closure:** (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. • **Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 14:45, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction south of Gaza city, claiming to be conducting military training.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Arrest:** On 02 April 2005, the Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Al Bashiti on the Green Line east of the city of Deir Al Balah, as he was attempting to infiltrate into areas inside the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Closure:** (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. (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. • **Attacks:** (i) At 13:15, and again at 17:35, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 towards Palestinian territory in Al Amal neighbourhood in the city of Khan Yunis. (ii) At 22:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 8 and 9 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.
RAFAH	• **Closure:** (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 to arrivals only. • **Attacks:** (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp. (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 6 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in Al Barazil

	neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.
	(iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 10 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding the neighbourhood of Tall Zu'rub in Rafah refugee camp.
	(iv) At 21:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 5 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.
	• **Arrest:** At 10:15, the Israeli army arrested Taleb Khafajeh in the neighbourhood of Tall Zu'rub in Rafah refugee camp.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• **Renewal of Administrative Detention Orders:** Israeli authorities renewed administrative detention orders (arrest without charge or trial) for 16 political prisoners held in Ketziot Military Prison Camp, most of whom have already had their detention renewed several times.