

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 5 April 2004 – 08:00 6 April 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	4	<b>4</b>	Incl. 3 school children
Injury	1	—	<b>1</b>	75 yr old during settler attack
Physical Assaults	5	—	<b>5</b>	Incl. 1 child & 75 yr. old man
Attacks	7	3	<b>10</b>	
Raids	18	1	<b>19</b>	
Arrests (per person)	13	2	<b>15</b>	Incl. 4 children & 1 officer
Land Levelling	—	1	<b>1</b>	32 <i>dunums</i> near Gaza Airport
Wall Construction	—	—	—	Suspended for Passover
Destruction of Property	—	1	<b>1</b>	House set on fire during attack
House Occupation	1	—	<b>1</b>	In Tulkarem refugee camp
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closures (per District)	(All)	(All)	<b>(All)</b>	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	<b>Most</b>	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	<b>5</b>	3 Partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	Female & elderly civs. beaten
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	<b>2</b>	Attack on post & checkpoint
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	Against Wall const., Biddu
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>66</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></p>	<p>Since 22 March 2004, 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>
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### WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERUSALEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the city, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Suleiman while he was complying with an Israeli army summons to report to Ofer Military Camp.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Wall construction in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, Sur Bahir and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint was suspended for the Passover holiday.</li> <li>(ii) Preparatory work, including land levelling, for construction of the Wall in Beit Surik and Qatanna was suspended for the Passover holiday.</li> <li>(iii) Preparatory work for construction of the Wall in the village of Anata was suspended for the Passover holiday.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the western portion of the Wall c in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya was suspended for the Passover holiday.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and searched 1 house. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the area again, fired sound bombs and opened fire indiscriminately.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Salih, searched several houses and arrested 2 children.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Sinjil.</p> <p>(iv) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Burham and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the village of An Nabi Saleih: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Rafat Al Tamimi, 14 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Majdi Abdul Elah, 14 years old.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the village of Burham: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Sami Abdul Jawad.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the city of El Bireh: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iv) Osama Baha ad Din.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Biddu in protest against the continued construction of the Wall. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians occurred.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the Wall south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River was suspended for the Passover holiday.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and preventing civilians from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Yasir Abu Sharar in the village of Al Auja.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the Wall north and east of the district of Bethlehem was suspended for the Passover holiday.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:10, and again 17:30 and 18:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, patrolled the area, beat Muhammad Hamamra, 15 years old, and raided a Palestinian National Security location.</li> <li>(ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, raided a stone</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>masonry factory, severely beat 2 employees and then arrested them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On 4 April 2004, the Israeli army arrested Nidal Malsh, a Palestinian National Security officer, at Al Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Al Khadr:</li> <li>(ii) Hatim Thawabta; and</li> <li>(iii) Arafat Taqatqa.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:30, and again at 13:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, set up flying checkpoints throughout the city and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Attil, opened fire and fire sound bombs towards civilians.</li> <li>(iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians.</li> <li>(iv) At 04:15, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, searched several houses, occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raid</b> At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, patrolled the area and fired tear gas towards civilians.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched several houses, fired sound bombs and tear gas towards civilians and arrested 4 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Hebron, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ayman Abu Omar; and</li> <li>(ii) Abdul Ghafar Shabana.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> Israeli settlers from the settlement of Suseya, located on</li> </ul>

	land from the town of Yatta, severely beat and injured Jabir Nawa'ja, 75 years old, and physically assaulted 2 female civilians.
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, patrolled the area and fired tear gas towards civilians.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Beit Hanoun crossing is partially open to businessmen over age 28.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 12:20, the Israeli army arrested 2 children near Point 64, claiming that they were trying to illegally cross the Green Line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Rif' at Dhaher, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Atal Al Atal, 13 years old.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) remains closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Killings:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:50, Adham Hashem died due to injuries sustained during an Israeli army air attack in Al Naser neighbourhood 20 days ago.</li> <li>(ii) On 4 April 2004, 3 unarmed school children were killed in an Israeli army attack at 23:15 in which 7 tank shells were fired into the area of Juhor ad Dik: Ammar Al Jodah, Muhammad Abu Irdena, and Muhammad Abu Samahdan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location east</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>of the city of Deir Al Balah and Al Matahin towards civilian houses north of Deir Al Balah.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards a Palestinian National Security location south of the city of Deir Al Balah.</p>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians over 40 years old.</li> <li>(iv) Abu Holi road was partially open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 21:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 8 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighbourhood, setting fire to 1 house.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Sufa crossing is open to specific cargos only.</li> <li>(iii) Rafah crossing is partially open.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian Territory 200 meters east of the Airport, levelled 32 <i>dunums</i> (8 acres) of land and erected dirt barricades enclosing the area.</li> </ul>

## GENERAL

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hunger Strike:</b> Political prisoners in Huwwara Prison have threatened to begin an open-ended hunger strike in protest against their harsh conditions of imprisonment. The prisoners have refused 2 meals, protesting the amount and quality of food being provided by the prison administration.</li> </ul>
<b>WORK PERMITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>West Bank:</b> 4,864 permits for workers were issued; however, no workers have been allowed to cross the Green Line since the closure imposed on 22 March 2004.</li> <li>• <b>Gaza Strip:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 3,460 workers crossed into the Erez Industrial Zone, 70% of a total of 5,003 workers issued permits.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>