

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 April 2005 – 08:00 09 April 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten
Injuries	5	—	5	5 worshippers in Bil'in
Attacks	3	3	6	3 during raids and 3 from mil. posts
Raids	12	1	13	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 3 in Tulkarem
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Reconnaissance over Nablus
Arrests (per person)	4	3	7	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem & 3 in Rafah
Detentions	2	—	2	At checkpoints
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In As Salaam neighbourhood
Curfew	1	—	1	The town of Silwad in Ramallah
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	2	—	2	In the district of Bethlehem
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)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	All closed
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	1 mosque surrounded in Bil'in
Demonstrations	4	—	4	Incl. in Tulkarem and Nablus
TOTAL	40	12	52	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: 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 under the age of 45 years from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement. 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 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 prohibiting 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. Raids/Curfew/Attack on Religious Sites: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 09:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. At 16:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, imposed curfew, and fired sound and tear gas grenades while raiding a wedding party. At 19:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. The Israeli army raided the village of Bil'in, opened fire towards worshippers while surrounding the village's mosque, injuring 5 worshippers inside, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Farah Kamal in the village of Bil'in.

<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:30, an Israeli army patrol raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and the area of Ash Sha'rawiya and patrolled the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 08 April 2005, the Israeli army arrested Rasem Basem 'Akkawi, a university student, in the town of 'Illar. (ii) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya. • Demonstration: At 12:40, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in protest against Israeli settlers' calls to raid Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Protestors demanded protection for Al Aqsa Mosque.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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/Physical Assault: The Israeli army raided the village of Al Fandaqumiya, opened indiscriminate fire, and severely beat 1 civilian, leaving him with injuries and contusions.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Patrol: At 23:30, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Nablus. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in protest against Israeli settlers' calls to raid Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Protestors demanded protection for Al Aqsa Mosque.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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. • Demonstration: At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activist, took place in the town of Deir Ballut in protest against Wall construction.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Checkpoint: At 19:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint, obstructing civilian movement until 20:15. • 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, west of the village of Husan, and in the village of Al Walaja. • Raid: At 13:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Balou’, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the town of Al Khadr.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods. • Demonstration: At 12:40, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in protest against Israeli settlers’ calls to raid Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Protestors demanded protection for Al Aqsa Mosque.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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 (Karni) Crossing is closed. (iv) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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. (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.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Rafah Crossing is open. The Israeli army restricted opening hours of the crossing to 4 hours daily to arrivals only. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Rafiah Yam towards Palestinian territory in Tall as Sultan neighbourhood. (iii) At 23:45, the Israeli army fired flares from its location at Point 217 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. The Israeli army also arrested 3 civilians near Point 217.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 11:15, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory opposite Point 5 along the Egyptian border in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp and levelled land. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians near Point 217 on the Green Line.
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GENERAL

<p style="text-align: center;">WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 8,519 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 808 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 5,135 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, only 2,445 workers (approximately 48% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.
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