

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 April 2006 – 08:00 15 April 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten in Nablus
Injuries	2	3	5	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 2 in Central Gaza
Attacks	6	6	12	Incl. 251 artillery shells fired
Raids	16	1	17	Incl. 4 in Nablus & 5 in Hebron
Arrests	7	—	7	Incl. 1 child and 1 university student
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Incl. 1 security post partially damaged
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 pistol from a house in Al Majd village
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Imreish
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the old city of Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	3	—	3	Incl. Ramot checkpoint in Jerusalem
Flying Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 3 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	30	—	30	Incl. entrance to Sinjil village, Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Qalqiliya-Nablus main road closed
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Shelling near Pal. security locations
Palestinian Attacks	1	4	5	Incl. open fire towards 1 checkpoint
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 Israeli peace activist protected
Demonstrations	2	—	2	In Bil'in & Beit Sira against the Wall
TOTAL	102	24	126	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the Jewish Passover (“Pesach”) holidays, the Israeli army intensified the closure imposed over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts since 11 March 2006. The Israeli army has prevented civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem, only allowing VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded the access of civilians to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala as well as the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with 2 checkpoints and barbed wires. The Israeli army denies civilian access, only allowing civilians residing behind the Wall and those holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross on foot. • Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning on 04 April 2006, the Israeli army has implemented new measures at Qalandiya checkpoint, after having declared it a “border crossing point.” The Israeli army designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba’, which branches off to other districts. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Beit Iksa (Ramot) checkpoint, denying access to civilian vehicles. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to ‘Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba’ road, the area of Al ‘Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib. • Attack: At 14:30, the Israeli army opened fire near the Wall in the town of Abu Dis, injuring Yaser Mohammed Rabay’ah.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Detention:</u> On the dawn of 15 April 2006, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the village of Qatanna, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and prevented civilians from leaving the village. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses after detaining residents outside.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the village of Bil'in, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Bil'in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yaser Maher Ash'al, 15 years old; and (ii) Tareq Shawqi al Khatib. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 17:50, Palestinian security forces provided protection to and accompanied 1 Israeli peace activist, while he was leaving the city of Ramallah. The Israeli activist had entered the city of Ramallah to take part in a demonstration protesting Wall construction. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> 2 mass demonstrations, including international peace activists, took place in the villages of Bil'in and Beit Sira in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented civilians under 30 years of age from crossing. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Palestinian Attack/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Arraba and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards the armed Palestinian individuals. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint north of the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled Al Jabiriyat neighbourhood in the city of Jenin until 17:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of ‘Arraba arrested an unidentified civilian.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far’un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the following locales: Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and the town of Bal’a; Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and the town of Kafr al Labad; Dahiyat Dhinnaba and the village of ‘Izbat Abu Khamish; the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Shufa; the towns of Deir al Ghusun and ‘Attil; and the towns of Deir al Ghusun and Bal’a. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem (‘Einav checkpoint) on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and denied civilian access, only allowing civilians holding Tulkarem-issued IDs to cross. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem (Jubara checkpoint) and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of ‘Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and opened indiscriminate fire while it was patrolling the area.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Jit and Immatin with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol 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 ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Jinsafut on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and denied civilian access between the village and the city of Qalqiliya. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karnei Shomron closed the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, while they were riding motorcycles to the settlement of Kedumim.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus and connects the city to the district of Jenin. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir al Hatab and arrested 1 university student. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 29 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp and opened fire, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army also searched 2 houses and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya, raided a gas station, and damaged furniture of the gas station's office as well as destroyed a telephone. The Israeli army also severely beat Mjahed Mohammed ash Shouli. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Farouq Abdul Lateef Zamal in the village of Deir al Hatab. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Ra'ouf Hbeish in the city of Nablus.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda as well as the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • Raid: At 18:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Yasuf and patrolled the area.
<p>JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks. The Israeli army also prevents farmers not holding Jericho-issued IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. In addition, the Israeli army prevents Israeli citizens from entering the city of Jericho. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and to impede civilian access. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Ra'd Seif ad Din Nazzal, while he was returning from Jordan.
<p>BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • Raids: The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr and 'Ayda refugee camp.
<p>HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.</p>

	<p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron, and the entrance to the village of ‘Arab ar Ramadin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa’, and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit ‘Awwa, from Beit ‘Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis leading to the city of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property/House Occupation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Majd, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian after confiscating 1 pistol from his house. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and searched 1 house. (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Imreish, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also searched 2 other houses. (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar. (v) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Fattah ‘Amr in the village of Al Majd. • <u>Curfew:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army imposed curfew over the old city of Hebron, allegedly due to stone-throwing.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals’ firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements. • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. • Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property: Between 09:00 on 14 April 2006 and 08:00 on 15 April 2006, the Israeli army fired 250 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near An Nada towers and around Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. The attacks resulted in partial damage to 1 Palestinian National Security location and the injury of 1 civilian. • Palestinian Attack: At 12:25, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 00:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 94 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in Juhor ad Dik south of Gaza city. • Palestinian Attack: At 02:40, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 120 on the Green Line towards shepherds east of Al Bureij refugee camp. (ii) At 01:00, Israeli naval boats fired 1 artillery shell towards 1 Palestinian National Security location, injuring 2 civilians. • Palestinian Attack: At 22:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 135 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. • Raid: At 15:35, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara. • Palestinian Attack: At 09:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karem Shalom Crossing is closed.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abuse of Political Prisoners:</u> Political prisoners held in Eshel Section in Bir as Sabe' Desert Prison are subjected to harsh imprisonment conditions and are suffering from deteriorating health conditions.
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 5,416. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 4,837. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.