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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 April 2004 – 08:00 18 April 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassination	—	1	1	Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi
Deaths	1	3	4	Incl. 2 accompanying Rantisi
Injuries	10	16	26	Incl. 9 children & 2 females
Air Attack	—	1	1	Missile from helicopter, Gaza
Attacks	9	4	13	Incl. 1 tank shell
Raids	20	4	24	
Air Patrol	3	1	4	3 helicopters & 1 recon.
Arrests (per person)	5	5	10	Incl. 4 children
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Land south of Deir al Balah
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Jer., Ramallah, Beth. & Jenin
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	Chicken farm destroyed
House Occupations	5	—	5	4 Tulkarem RC & 1 Tulkarem
Curfews	4	—	4	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	(Dozens)	(Dozens)	—	Closing all districts
Closures (per District)	(All)	(All)	(All)	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	1 Partially open
School Disruption	3	1	4	
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Shop doors destroyed, Hebron
Demonstrations	12	5	17	Incl. 11 against assassination
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	5 Mortars towards Green Line
TOTAL	87	51	138	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<p>(i) Since 22 March 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip. 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> <p>(ii) A general strike was announced in all districts in condemnation and in protest against the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi in the city of Gaza.</p>
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the city, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira al Sharqiya, Sur Bahir, Qatanna, Biddu and along the main road between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. • Demonstration: A mass demonstration including international peace activists took place in the village of Biddu in protest against the continued construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including a Swedish peace activist.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints throughout the district, closing all roads connecting towns and villages and preventing pedestrians and vehicles from crossing. • Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the Wall continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya. • Attack: At 10:15, an Israeli army jeep positioned at the junction of the village of Surda opened fire indiscriminately towards mountains in the area. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and served 2 civilians summons to report to Israeli General Intelligence in the

	<p>military post in the settlement of Bet El.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and opened intensive fire in the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayit.</p> <p>(iii) At 04:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and opened indiscriminate fire.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <p>(i) At 13:00, a demonstration took place in Ramallah in solidarity with the political prisoners on the occasion of Palestinian Prisoners Day.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:40, a mass demonstration took place in the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.</p>
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Raids/Curfews:</u> <p>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Al Dhaher and imposed curfew.</p> <p>(ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Rummana, imposed curfew and searched several houses, claiming to be searching for wanted individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 22:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Ranitisi.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages and prevented civilians from crossing. • <u>Raid/Curfew:</u> At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Ojai and imposed curfew.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery,

	<p>on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:55, the Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp and searched 1 house. (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and Ayda and Al Duheisha refugee camps and patrolled the area. (iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin and arrested 1 child. (iv) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Harmala and searched several houses. (v) At 06:45, the Israeli army raided Ayda refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Al Nis, 16 year old, in the village of Nahhalin.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Raids/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:00, the Israeli army withdrew from Tulkarem refugee camp after remaining positioned in the camp since 19:50 on 15 April 2004. Before withdrawing, the Israeli army occupied 4 houses, imposed curfew and indiscriminately opened fire sporadically, injuring 9 civilians, including 7 children. (ii) At 08:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, opened indiscriminate fire and occupied 1 house. (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and opened fire towards civilians. • <u>Air Patrols:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. (ii) At 21:15, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in solidarity with political prisoners on the occasion of Palestinian Prisoner Day. (ii) At 21:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Physical Assault: The Israeli army severely beat and detained dozens of civilians at Beit Iba checkpoint, killing 1 civilian as a result of a heart attack. • Killing: Ahmad Yadak, 55 years old, sufferer a heart attack after being physically assaulted by the Israeli army at Beit Iba checkpoint. • Demonstrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration organized by the Palestinian Political Prisoner's Club took place in solidarity with political prisoners and detainees on the occasion of Palestinian Prisoners Day. (ii) At 21:20, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Nablus in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Raid: At 13:15, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Hebron, opened indiscriminate fire and abducted 1 civilian after injuring him near the Egyptian Jordanian Bank. • Arrest: The Israeli army abducted Nizar Qafshiya in the city of Hebron. • Demonstration: At 12:15, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners and detainees on the occasion of Palestinian Prisoner Day. • Settler Violence: At 12:45, a group of Israeli settlers raided the old city of Hebron and forced open a number of shop gates that had been previously sealed by the Israeli army. • School Disruption: Classes in 6 schools in the towns of Beit Ummar and Surif, serving a total of 5,602 students, were suspended in mourning and in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Gates: 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. • School Disruption: Classes in 13 schools in the town of Azzun, serving a total of 9,232 students, were suspended in mourning and in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations:</u> (i) At 13:00, mass demonstrations organized by the Political Prisoner's Club took place throughout the district of Qalqiliya in solidarity with political prisoners and detainees on the occasion of Palestinian Prisoners Day. (ii) At 21:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Haris. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ad Dik and arrested 3 children. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 00:30, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the district. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the village of Kafr Ad Dik: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Murad Muhammad Al Dik, 17 years old; (ii) Ahmad Shehadeh Ad Dik, 17 years old; and (iii) Abdul Hamid Nafiz Ahmad, 17 years old. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 22:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. • <u>Raid/Destruction of Property:</u> At 19:50, the Israeli army raided Palestinian Territory from Point 26 east of Beit Hanoun, destroyed and demolished a chicken farm and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> (i) At 23:00 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 08:00 1 mortar was fired towards the settlement of Dokeet. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 22:00, mass demonstrations took place throughout the district in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.
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<p>GAZA CITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. (ii) Al Muntar crossing (Karni) is closed. • Air Attack: At 19:50, Israeli army helicopters targeted and fired missiles towards a vehicle carrying Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. The Israeli army assassinated Abdul Aziz Al Rantisi, Akram Nassa and Ahmad Abed Al Izza. • Assassinations: The Israeli army assassinated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi; (ii) Akram Nassar; and (iii) Ahmad Abed Al Izza. • Demonstration: At 22:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Gaza and its refugee camps in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 09:05, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the outskirts of the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards Palestinian Territory, injuring 1 female civilian. • Raids/Land Levelling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:10, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer, raided the area south of the city of Deir Al Balah near the settlement of Kfar Daroom and levelled land. (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 5 tanks, raided the area of Wadi Salqa south of the city of Dei Al Balah, opened indiscriminate fire, killing 1 civilian, took the corpse, searched 1 house and arrested 3 civilians. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Na'el Amir south of the city of Deir Al Balah. • Demonstration: At 22:00, mass demonstrations took place throughout the district in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians. (iv) Abu Holi road was partially open. • Attack: At 00:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired 1 tank shell from its location at Point 9 towards civilian houses in al Amal neighbourhood, injuring 9 civilians, including 2 children. • Raid: At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian Territory in Al Qarara.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 22:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Khan Yunis in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 08:00, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah crossing is closed to civilians under the age of 35. (iii) Sufa crossing is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Tel Sultan checkpoint towards civilian houses in Tel Sultan neighbourhood, injuring 3 civilians, including 1 female. • <u>School Disruption:</u> Classes in 12 schools in the city of Rafah, serving 8,893 students, were suspended in mourning and in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 22:00, a mass demonstration took place in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations:</u> Following the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi, political prisoners in Ketziot (Negev), Megiddo and Ofer Military Prison Camps demonstrated in condemnation of the assassination. Confrontations between political prisoners and the Israeli army took place, during which the Israeli army fired tear gas and rubber coated steel bullets, injuring dozens of political prisoners.
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