

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

**DAILY SITUATION REPORT**  
08:00 17 April 2005 – 08:00 18 April 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 child in the village of Beit Liqya
Attacks	2	12	<b>14</b>	2 during raids & 12 from mil. posts
Raids	13	4	<b>17</b>	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Air Patrol	1	—	<b>1</b>	Helicopters over Bethlehem district
Arrests (per person)	5	3	<b>8</b>	Incl. 4 children
Detentions	2	—	<b>2</b>	At checkpoints
House Demolition	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 prisoner's house in 'Askar RC
Land Levelling	—	3	<b>3</b>	Incl. east of Al Bureij refugee camp
Wall Construction	23	—	<b>23</b>	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 vehicle's windshield broken
Land Confiscation	1	—	<b>1</b>	1 <i>dunum</i> in Beit Ummar in Hebron
Checkpoints	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	7	—	<b>7</b>	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	<b>2</b>	Incl. 1 partially open
School Disruption	1	—	<b>1</b>	Teachers and students delayed
Settlement Activity	2	1	<b>3</b>	Incl. 2 settlement outposts built
Settler Violence	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. 1 female child run over in Tuqu'
Demonstrations	8	1	<b>9</b>	Incl. in solidarity with prisoners
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>102</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of 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.</li> </ul>
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## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Closure:</b> Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem continue to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city.</li> <li><b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala for Wall construction.</li> <li><b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.</li> <li><b>Wall Gates:</b> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, preventing civilians from crossing.</li> <li><b>Wall Construction:</b> 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 area of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina.</li> <li><b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the village of Hizma, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li><b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Rashed Mohammed Salah ad Din in the village of Hizma.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya.</li> <li><b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 10:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area.</li> <li>At 17:05, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area.</li> <li>At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Silwad and arrested 3 civilians.</li> </ol> </li> <li><b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the town of Silwad.</li> <li><b>Demonstrations:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 11:45, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>(ii) At 12:30, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beituniya in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians near the Israeli settler bypass road between the town of Beituniya and the village of 'Ein 'Arik.</p> <p>(iii) At 13:35, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Beit Liqya in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child by live ammunition to the chest.</p>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:</b> A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Shavei Shomron threw stones at civilian vehicles, breaking the windshield of 1 vehicle.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 08:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jenin in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates/School Disruption:</b> <p>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians with a metal detector, delaying students and teachers from reaching their school on time.</p> </li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raids/House Demolition:</b> <p>(i) At 20:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided 'Askar refugee camp and demolished 1 house belonging to the family of a political prisoner. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> </li> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> The Israeli army demolished 1 house in 'Askar refugee camp belonging to Mohammed Abu Leila.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence/Land Levelling:</b> At 14:30, a group of Israeli settlers levelled land in the village of Qusra.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Settlement Activity:</u></b> Israeli settlers constructed 1 settlement outpost near the settlement of Alon Moreh.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 20:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Nablus in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Road:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate set up at the entrance to the village of Yasuf from morning until 18:00 only.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 15:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Yasuf and patrolled the area.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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 Palestinian civilians holding Israeli IDs from entering the city of Jericho, permitting only Jericho and Jerusalem ID card holders access to the city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> On 17 April 2005, Israeli troops positioned at Al Karamah (Allenby) Bridge arrested Ayyoub Jabr as he was returning from Jordan.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jericho in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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, west of the village of Husan, and in the village of Al Walaja.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:20, and again at 11:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Balou'. At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the town again and set up another checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 10:50.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrol:</u></b> At 21:00, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Bethlehem.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 17:20, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over 8-year-old female Nida' Ahmed 'Ayyash near the town of Tuqu', after which she was transported to Hadassah Hospital for treatment of injuries sustained.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 16:40, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction continues west of the towns of Surif, Beit Ula, and Beit 'Awwa, in the town of Idhna, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, in the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, patrolled the area, set up 3 checkpoints in the neighbourhood of Al Hawouz and on the overpasses to the towns of Halhul and Beit Kahil, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b>Land Confiscation:</b> The Israeli army issued a military order confiscating 1 <i>dunum</i> (0.25 acres) of land belonging to the town of Beit Ummar near the settlement of Migdal 'Oz, allegedly for military purposes.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence/Physical Assault:</b> A group of Israeli settlers beat several Palestinian shepherds east of the town of Yatta.</li> <li>• <b>Settlement Activity:</b> Israeli settlers constructed a new settlement outpost along the road to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>

**GAZA STRIP**

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 19:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 56 and 57 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.</li> <li>• <b>Settlement Activity:</b> At 12:50, the Israeli army erected a 2-meter high barbed wire fence 100 meters into Palestinian territory, parallel to Point 23 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya, for the protection of Israeli settlements in the area.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 12:40, the Israeli army fired flares from its locations at Points 111 and 112 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of Al Bureij refugee camp.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Land Levelling:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:15, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep and 1 bulldozer, raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 116 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp and levelled land.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep and 1 bulldozer, raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 114 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp and levelled land.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 21:00, a mass demonstration took place in Al Maghazi refugee camp in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open.</li> <li>(iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed.</li> <li>(v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed.</li> <li>(vi) Morag road, connecting Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 towards Palestinian territory in Al Amal neighbourhood.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army repeatedly opened indiscriminate fire from the area surrounding Al Matahin checkpoint along Salad ad Din road.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The 4 civilians reported to have been arrested by the Israeli army yesterday were identified as: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Tamer Na'im Habib, 17 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Hazem Jabr Habib, 16 years old;</li> <li>(iii) Salem Mohammed Habib, 15 years old; and</li> <li>(iv) Salah Musleh Habib, 17 years old.</li> </ol> <p>At 18:40, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians near Point 143 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara, claiming that they attempted to infiltrate into areas inside the Green Line:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(v) 'Atallah Al 'Ubeid;</li> <li>(vi) 'Arafat Al 'Adini; and</li> <li>(vii) Ahmed Abu Mugheisib.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.</li> <li>(iv) Rafah Crossing is open. The Israeli army restricted opening hours of the crossing to 4 hours daily to arrivals only.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

- **Attacks:**

- (i) At 14:35, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 8 and 9 along the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna and Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp.
- (ii) At 18:05, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Point 7 and 8 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp and the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate.
- (iii) At 19:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 19 towards the area of 'Ureibeh north of the city of Rafah.
- (iv) At 19:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 7 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate.
- (v) At 01:45, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 along the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.

- **Raids/Land Levelling:**

- (i) At 12:30, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp opposite Point 6 along the Egyptian border and levelled land.
- (ii) At 18:05, the Israeli army, including 1 tank, 1 jeep, and 1 bulldozer, raided 20 meters into Palestinian territory near Point 218 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing.