

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 April 2004 – 08:00 19 April 2004

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	<b>1</b>	Due to injuries from 17/04/04
Physical Assault	1	—	<b>1</b>	Civilian beaten at checkpoint
Injuries	9	—	<b>9</b>	Incl. 7 children
Attacks	17	12	<b>29</b>	
Raids	22	2	<b>24</b>	
Air Patrol	1	—	<b>1</b>	Helicopter over Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	10	—	<b>10</b>	Incl. 1 officer
Detention	1	—	<b>1</b>	Civilians in internet cafe
House Demolition	—	1	<b>1</b>	2-storey house partially dem.
Land Levelling	—	1	<b>1</b>	Agricultural land
Wall Construction	14	—	<b>14</b>	Jer., Ramallah, Beth. & Jenin
Destruction of Property	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. demolition of garage
Curfews	5	—	<b>5</b>	
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	—	4	<b>4</b>	1 Partially open
School Disruption	5	—	<b>5</b>	
Demonstrations	22	—	<b>22</b>	Against Rantisi assassination
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	<b>5</b>	14 Mortars towards Grm. Line
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>135</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL DISTRICTS</b></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 crossing points to workers, and restricted movement between cities in the West Bank.</p> <p>(ii) A general strike continues for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive day in all districts in condemnation and in protest against the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi in the city of Gaza.</p>

### 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>Wall Construction:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Killing:</b> Diya' Eid, 19 years old, died as a result of injuries sustained during confrontations with the Israeli army during a demonstration against Wall construction in the village of Biddu on 17 April 2004.</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 continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 1 civilian. At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the area again, during which confrontation between the Israeli army and civilians took place. The Israeli critically injured Muhammad Hamid, 16 years old, by live fire to the head.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Turmus' ayya. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians took place.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, searched 1 house and demolished a vehicle repair garage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> the Israeli army arrested Ayed Hammad in the town of Silwad.</li> <li>• <b>School Disruption:</b> Classes at Birzeit Secondary School, serving 484 students, were suspended to observe a mourning period following the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstrations:</b> <p>(i) At 11:30, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Deir Abu Mash'al in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi, during which the Israeli army injured 14-year-old Islam Riziq.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:00, a mass demonstration took place in Qalandiya refugee camp in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iii) At 18:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Bir Zeit in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.</p> <p>(iv) At 20:00, confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians took place at the entrance to the village of Abud in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. The Israeli army seriously injured Osama Hatim, 12 years old, by live fire to the head.</p> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<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 continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <p>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army opened fire towards Izz ad Din Qassam School, forcing students to evacuate the school.</p> <p>(ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat Al Dhaher, imposed curfew and prevented students from travelling to their schools.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army raided the villages of Tura and Kafr Dan and arrested 1 civilian.</p> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Ziyad Sidqi Naddaf in the village of Kafr Dan.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 10:00, mass demonstrations took place in the city of Jenin, Jenin refugee camp and the towns of Tammun, Silat Al Harithiya,</li> </ul>

	Rumman, Arraba, Kafr Ra'i, Tubas and Meithalun in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 11:40, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jericho in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians took place near the DCO checkpoint.</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 continues north of the district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo).</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 00:20, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian houses in the city of Beit Jala claiming that armed Palestinians opened fire towards them from the area.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:10, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of Al Doha and arrested a Palestinian National Security officer.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided Al Duheisha refugee camp and arrested 5 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Imad Fawaqsa in the town of Al Doha. The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in Al Duheisha refugee camp:</li> <li>(ii) Mu'tasim Eid;</li> <li>(iii) Rami Musleh;</li> <li>(iv) Muhammad Sanad;</li> <li>(v) Muhammad Daoud; and</li> <li>(vi) Nadir Al Atrash.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 13:10, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians near Bilal Bin Rabah mosque, resulting in the injury of 1 child.</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</li> </ul>

	<p>education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Physical Assault:</b> At 09:10, the Israeli army severely beat 1 civilian, Isam Daoud, at a checkpoint near the settlement of Enav.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 11:00, the Israeli army, positioned near the Wall in the village of Zeita, opened indiscriminate fire, claiming that they were attacked by stones.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, and again at 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs and opened indiscriminate fire, injuring 1 child.</li> <li>(ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Qaffin and opened fire toward civilians.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:40, an Israeli army jeep raided the town of Far'un and opened indiscriminate fire.</li> <li>(iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Dhinnaba, detained civilians in an internet café while they searched the cafe, and imposed curfew.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 10:45, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstrations:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:45, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Qaffin in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.</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>Raids/Curfews:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, imposed curfew and opened fire towards civilians, injuring 1 child.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Nablus in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.</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>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 04:00 on 18 April 2004, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b></li> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Majid Al Sha'rawi in the city of Hebron.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Ra'ed Hureibat in the town of Yatta.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b></li> <li>(i) At 11:15, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 female civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Sa'ir and Beit 'Einun in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<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></li> <li>(i) At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Jayyus. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun, opened fire and fired tear gas towards civilians.</li> <li>• <b>School Disruption:</b> Classes in 14 schools in the district of Qalqiliya, serving a total of 9,405 students, were suspended to observe a mourning period following the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 10:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians took place near the Wall.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<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> <li>• <b>Raid/School Disruption:</b> At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya. At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the town again, imposed curfew and opened indiscriminate fire, forcing the closure of schools in the town.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 13:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.</li> </ul>

## GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Beit Hanoun crossing is closed.</li> <li>• <b>Raid/Land Levelling:</b> At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian Territory 900 meters east of Beit Hanoun and levelled agricultural land.</li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:50, and again at 20:25, the Israeli army opened fire towards Al Nada towers in the town of Beit Lahia.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the area of Abu Safiya, east of the town of Jabaliya.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the industrial zone towards Palestinian Territory.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 12:00 3 Qassam mortars were fired from the outskirts of Beit Lahia towards the Green Line.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:45, 2 Qassam mortars were fired from the outskirts of Beit Lahia.</li> <li>(iii) 6 Qassam mortars were fired towards the Beit Hanoun crossing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GAZA CITY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.</li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:40, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian Territory west of the city of Deir Al Balah.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:40, and again at 20:25 and 22:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards Palestinian Territory south of the city of Deir Al Balah.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided the area northwest of the settlement of Kfar Daroom and partially demolished a 2-storey house.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> The Israeli army partially demolished a 2-storey house belonging Mahmoud Abu Samra northwest of the settlement of Kfar Daroom .</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 16:30, 1 Qassam mortar was fired from the area east of Al Bureij refugee camp towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iv) Abu Holi road was partially open. The Israeli authorities announced that the road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints will be closed between 08:00 and 20:00 for 2 days for maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b></li> <li>(i) At 20:25, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the western neighbourhood.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 8 and 9 towards Palestinian Territory in Al Amal neighbourhood and West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At 20:00, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the settlement of Kded.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b></li> <li>(i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah crossing is closed to civilians under the age of 35.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa crossing is closed.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 22:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Morag towards Palestinian Territory north of Rafah city.</li> </ul>