

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 April 2005 – 08:00 19 April 2005

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	<b>1</b>	East of the town of Beit Hanun
Attacks	3	9	<b>12</b>	2 during raids & 10 from mil. posts
Raids	22	1	<b>23</b>	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	14	4	<b>18</b>	Incl. 4 children and 1 Police officer
Detentions	4	—	<b>4</b>	At checkpoints
House Demolitions	*	—	—	Notices to demolish 131 houses, Jer.
Land Levelling	—	1	<b>1</b>	East of Al Bureij refugee camp
Wall Construction	23	—	<b>23</b>	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. over 200 olive trees uprooted
Curfews	2	—	<b>2</b>	Burqa in Nablus and Idhna in Hebron
Checkpoints	(All)	—	<b>(All)</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	<b>12</b>	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 3 in Salfit
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
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	<b>1</b>	An Nabi Mousa Shrine raided
School Disruption	1	—	<b>1</b>	Teachers and students delayed
Settlement Activity	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. 100-m bypass road constructed
Settler Violence	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. civilian house stoned in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	<b>2</b>	Incl. 1 checkpoint near Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	<b>2</b>	Incl. open fire towards Israeli troops
Pal. Security Measures	1	—	<b>1</b>	12 illegal vehicles handed over
Demonstrations	2	—	<b>2</b>	In Ramallah and Qalqiliya
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>118</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>House Demolition Notices:</b> The Israeli army distributed notifications to demolish 131 houses in the city of Jerusalem, home to 1,000 civilians, including 68 houses in Wadi Hilwa in the neighbourhood of Beidhun and 63 houses in Al Bustan neighbourhood in the area of Silwan.</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>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road, searched civilians and vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement in both directions. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint arrested 1 wanted civilian, who signed a pledge not to carry out armed operations against the Israeli army according to the Israeli-Palestinian agreement reached at the Sharm ash Sheikh Summit.</li> <li>At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided 'Teacher's Quarter' in the city of Ramallah opposite the settlement of Beit Il and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and the village of Jifna, searched a number of houses, and patrolled the area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> As reported yesterday, 2 of the 3 civilians arrested by the Israeli army in the town of Silwad were identified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ma'moun Abdul Majid Hammad, 14 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Mohammed Dawoud Hammad.</li> <li>(iii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road arrested Salah Saddah al Barghouthi.</li> <li>(iv) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Khaled Sa'id Ibrahim.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Settlement Activity:</u></b> The Israeli army began construction of a 100 meter wide settler bypass road, crossing through the villages of Beit 'Ur at Tahta, Deir Ibzi', and 'Ein 'Arik.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah and ended in front of the Palestinian Legislative Council in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Kafriyyat checkpoint and detained a number of civilians on both sides of the checkpoint, claiming to be conducting thorough searches.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 00:40, the Israeli army fired flares east of the town of 'Anabta.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 21:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Area (A) in the town of Bal'a.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> At 07:30, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint arrested Ra'ed Ahmed 'Abbas, a Palestinian Police officer, while he was travelling from the district of Ramallah to the district of Tulkarem.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates/School Disruption:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Azzun and patrolled the area.</li> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raids/Destruction of Property/Curfew:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus. At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the city again and removed the license plates of a number of vehicles parked along the city streets while patrolling the area. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, opened indiscriminate fire, imposed curfew, and withdrew at 17:30.</li> <li>(iii) At 15:50, an Israeli army tank raided the town of Beit Iba, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Zawata, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Furik: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yousef Hassan Hanani, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Samer Hassn Hanani.</li> </ul> </li> <li>(iii) At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on Za’tara junction arrested Raja Mohammed Ighbariyyeh.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</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>Wall Construction:</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>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Kafr ad Dik and the village of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</li> <li>(iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma’in, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Jamma’in arrested Jaber ‘Aref Anis.</li> <li>• <b>Settlement Activity:</b> The Israeli army invited tenders for the construction of 50 housing units for expansion of the settlement of Elkana.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JERICHO</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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>Attack on Religious Sites:</b> At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the Shrine of the Prophet Moses, searched its rooms, and examined the IDs of civilians visiting the shrine.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 22:15, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Niran burned car tyres along Road # 90 north of the village of Al ‘Auja.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measures:</b> At 12:00, Palestinian security forces confiscated 12 illegal vehicles in the city of Jericho and handed them over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BETHLEHEM</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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>Wall Construction:</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>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and set up a checkpoint in centre of the town. At 15:10, the Israeli army raided the town again and set up another checkpoint in the area of Al Balou’. At 17:25, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint near 1 Palestinian National Security checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, examined civilians’ IDs, and patrolled the area. At 18:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al ‘Ubeidiya and patrolled the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:20, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled the village of Ash Shawawra.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin and arrested 4 civilians. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified civilians in the village of Nahhalin.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> Israeli settlers from the settlement of Daniel in the vicinity of the town of Al Khadr uprooted over 200 olive trees and grape vines on civilian land near the settlement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </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>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 1 checkpoint in the area of Wadi al Hariyyah and another checkpoint in the neighbourhood of Ras al Jora, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 children.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and searched a number of houses.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, imposed curfew, and fired sound and tear gas grenades as they withdrew from the town.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Isma'il Abu 'Arqoub in the town of Dura.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 children in Al 'Arrub refugee camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Nour ad Din Ahmed Al Badawi, 14 years old; and</li> <li>(iii) Sa'id Thib al Hajajreh, 16 years old.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>House Demolitions:</b> Israeli authorities distributed notifications to demolish 3 make-shift houses in the village of Khirbet ath Tha'laba and 10 water wells in the villages of Khashem ad Daraj and Al Ka'abna east of the town of Yatta.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian houses near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 15:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun, injuring Abdul Karim 'Arafat al Masri.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 129 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area surrounding the settlement of Kfar Darom, obstructing Palestinian security patrols from carrying out their duties and threatening Palestinian security officers' lives.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u></b> At 14:00, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory near Point 110 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp and levelled land.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul 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> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> At 18:40 on 17 April 2005, the Israeli army arrested 2 children 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Ghassan Abu Mansi, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Sa'id Salamed Abu 'Ubeid, 16 years old.</li> </ul>           At 18:20, Israeli troops positioned at Kissufim checkpoint arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Abdullah Hijazi, 17 years old; and</li> <li>(iv) Mohammed Sameer.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul 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> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8.5 along the Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 8 and 9 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in the neighbourhood of Yabna and Bloc (J) in Rafah refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) At 17:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 7 along the Egyptian border and from Tall Zu'rub military post towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Salah ad Din gate and Tall as Sultan neighbourhood.</li> <li>(iv) At 08:00, 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards a number of Israeli soldiers positioned along the Egyptian border opposite the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp, injuring 3 Israeli soldiers.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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## GENERAL

<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Health Conditions in 'Ofar Military Detention Camp:</u></b> Political prisoners held in 'Ofar Military Detention Centre suffer from measles, along with other skin diseases, due to medical negligence and lack of cleaning agents and pesticides in the detention camp.</li> </ul>
<b>WORK PERMITS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>West Bank:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 11,574 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Gaza Strip:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli authorities renewed 808 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 671 workers (approximately 83% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities renewed 5,160 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, only 4,577 workers (approximately 89% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.</li> <li>(iii) Israeli authorities issued permits for 352 workers to stay overnight inside the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>