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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 April 2004 – 08:00 20 April 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	In Al Arrub refugee camp
Injuries	—	1	1	
Attacks	6	6	12	
Raids	17	5	22	
Air Patrols	2	—	2	Helicopter & reconnaissance
Arrests (per person)	30	—	30	Incl. 1 child & 1 German
House Demolition	—	2	2	Incl. 2-storey house
Land Levelling	1	2	3	Incl. 5 <i>dunums</i> in Hebron
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Jer., Ramallah, Beth. & Jenin
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Archaeological site
Curfews	2	—	2	Huwwara & Silwad
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	—	4	4	1 Partially open
Demonstrations	2	—	2	
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	4 Mortars
TOTAL	76	22	98	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<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) For the 3rd consecutive day, a general strike was observed 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

JERUSALEM	<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 demonstration took place in the village of Biddu in protest against the continued construction of the Wall. Brief confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Destruction of Property/ Archaeological Site: The Israeli Archaeological Authority, under the protection of the Israeli army, took possession of archaeological artefacts found during excavation and levelling of land for construction of the Wall in the village of Biddu. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the old city of Jerusalem.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah. (ii) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, raided and searched several houses, including 1 house belonging to Nadir Al

	<p>Rifa'i, while international peace activists were in the house. The Israeli army arrested the owner of the house and an international peace activist holding German citizenship.</p> <p>(iii) At 05:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, imposed curfew, searched several houses and arrested 11 civilians. The Israeli army continues to search houses and arrest civilians as of 08:00 this morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr 'Ein: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nadir Al Rfa'i; and (ii) Gunther (family name unknown), a German national. <p>The Israeli army arrested 11 civilians in the town of Silwad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Muhammad Najeeb Mara'i; (iv) Hasan Mara'i; (v) Adeeb Mara'i; (vi) Ahmad Abu Sharar; (vii) Na'im Abdul Fattah Mara'i; (viii) Na'im Mara'i Hamid; (ix) Ashraf Shareef Hamad; (x) Zakaria 'Ayad (xi) Ziyad Mash'al Hamid; (xii) Sheikh Bassam, the Imam of the town mosque; and (xiii) Abu Omar (full name not known) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 12:30, a student's demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in condemnation of the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</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. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Zawiya and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Dan and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Talal Qaddura in the village of Al Zawiya.

	<p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr Dan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Yehya Al Suqi; and (iii) Hamza Al Suqi.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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.
BETHLEHEM	<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 civilians from crossing. • Wall Construction: 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). • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and fired sound bombs towards civilians. (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided Ayda refugee camp and fired sound bombs and tear gas towards civilians. (iii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin and arrested 1 child. (iv) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided Duheisha refugee camp, searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Muahmmad Sakraneh, 17 years old, in the village of Nahhalin. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmad Safi in Duheisha refugee camp.
TULKAREM	<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. • Attack: At 13:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the area surrounding the Ghashouri factories towards civilian houses. • Raid: At 13:50, and again at 18:40 and 01:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs, opened indiscriminate fire and set up several checkpoints in the city. • Air Patrol: At 11:20, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and its suburbs.

<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. • Curfew: For the 2nd consecutive day, the Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the town of Huwwara. • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched 1 house and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omar Mansur; and (ii) Ibrahim Abu Laban.
<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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ur. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp, surrounded 1 house, opened intensive fire, killing 1 civilian, and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) The Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp and arrested 2 civilians. • Land Levelling: The Israeli army levelled 5 <i>dunums</i> (1.25 acres) of land east of the city of Hebron in Wadi Al Gharous for construction of a new road connecting an Israeli Border Police base to the settlement of Kiryat Arba. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians protesting against the levelling of land. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, all of whom own a portion of land in the area being levelled. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Mujahid Abu Awwad in Al Fawwar refugee camp. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Amjad Al Shawabka in Al Fawwar refugee camp. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Zakariya Salih in the town of Yatta. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Al Arrub refugee camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Shadi Al Jawabra; (iv) Ahmad Jawabra. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians east of the city of Hebron:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Khaled Juweilis; (vi) Muhammad Juweilis; and (vii) Ayman Al Ja'bari.

QALQILYA	<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.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Air Patrol: At 12:20, an Israeli army helicopter patrolled the skies over the district.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, raided 200 meters into the village of Al Badawiya, west of the town of Beit Lahiya, and levelled land. • Attack: At 20:50, the Israeli army opened fire towards the area of Al Hawwouz west of the town of Beit Lahiya.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. • Attack: At 06:20, the Israeli army fired 1 sound bomb from the outskirts of the settlement of Nitsareem towards the city of Al Zahra' south of Gaza city. • Raid: At 23:20, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided the area northwest of the settlement of Kfar Daroom and demolished a 2-storey house that had been partially demolished at 02:00 on the 19 April 2004. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished a 2-storey house belonging to Mahmoud Abu Samra northwest of the settlement of Kfar Daroom.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:15, and again at 01:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the outskirts of the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards the southern area of the city of Gaza.

	<p>(ii) At 01:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Alon checkpoint towards the western area of the city of Deir Al Balah.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 01:35, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks and 1 bulldozer, raided Wadi Al Salqa, south of the city of Deir al Balah, and demolished 1 house. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Azmi Abu Haddaf. • Palestinian Attack: At 00:15, 3 Qassam mortars were fired towards the settlement of Kfar Daroom.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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. The Israeli authorities announced that the road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints will be opened between 06:00 and 21:00 for 2 days for maintenance. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 15:25, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 3 bulldozers, raided 100 meters west of the city of Khan Yunis and levelled land. • Palestinian Attack: At 20:00, 1 mortar was fired from the outskirts of the western neighbourhood towards the settlement of Kded.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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. • Attack: At 09:20, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 5.5 towards civilian houses in Al Salaam neighbourhood, injuring 1 civilian. • Raid: At 00:25, the Israeli army raided Palestinian Territory and searched 1 house near the settlement of Western Morag, north of the city of Rafah.

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack on Prisoners: The administration of Nafha Prison severely beat and transferred 14 political prisoners to solitary confinement in Bir Sheba Prison. The prisoners suffered various injuries as a result of being fired upon by prison guards during confrontations that took place between Israeli prison guards and prisoners in protest against the assassination of Dr. Abdul Aziz al Rantisi.
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