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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 19 April 2005 – 08:00 20 April 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	5	—	5	In Nablus and Bethlehem
Injury	1	—	1	At Deir Sharaf checkpoint
Attacks	4	12	16	Incl. 2 during raids
Raids	20	2	22	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	1	—	1	Helicopters over Tubas
Arrests (per person)	9	4	13	Incl. 1 officer
Detentions	6	1	7	Incl. at checkpoints & resident. areas
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	In Jenin and Bethlehem
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	100 NIS stolen in Nablus
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	7	—	7	Incl. Nablus, Salfit, Beth., Hebron
Closure (per District)	4	—	4	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. searches at 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	Incl. 1 partially
Settlement Activity	—	1	1	East of Beit Hanun
Settler Violence	1	—	1	In the Bethlehem area
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	2	4	Incl. in Bethlehem, Hebron, Gaza
Palestinian Attacks	1	—	1	At an observation point in Hebron
Pal. Security Measures	1	1	2	Incl. 1 mortar attack thwarted
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Against Wall construction
TOTAL	90	25	115	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: 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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala for Wall construction. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 01:00 on 19 April 2005, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, searched 2 houses and took photographs of the interior of the houses. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 17:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Bil'in and indiscriminately opened fire. At 24:00, Israel Special Forces, travelling in a civilian car, raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. The Israeli army raided the village of Shuqba, opened intensive fire, and patrolled the area. Arrest: On 17 April 2005, the Israeli army arrested Bilal Ahmad Abed Aljaniel in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid Demonstration: At 11:45, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beituniya in protest against Wall construction in the area. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Raid: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Ti'innik, searched 1 house, destroyed its furniture, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew from the area at 20:30. • Air Patrol: 3 Israeli army helicopters patrolled the area over the town of Tubas. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Ti'innik: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhanna Sha'ban Zeyoud; and (ii) Yousof Mohammad Zeyoud. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army distributed notices to civilians in the village of Ibziq to evacuate their land, claiming that the area is a closed military zone.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Shuweika (Area B). (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Izbat Nasser. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Ar Ras, searched 3 houses, detained its residents, and withdrew at 22:15. • Arrest: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint between the cities of Nablus and Tulkarem arrested Samir Fathi Ajaj, recently released from an Israeli prison following the Sharm ash Sheikh summit.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates/School Disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (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. (iii) The Israeli army prohibited civilian vehicles transporting vegetables from crossing Wall gate 27. • Raid: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Wa'el Mohammad Zaid while he was on his land near the settlement of Zfim.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Physical Assault:</u> At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Sharaf, physically assaulted 3 civilians, and stole 100 NIS from one of the civilians. • <u>Attack:</u> Israeli troops, positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Deir Sharaf, opened fire at civilians, injuring Mohammad Saied Wahdan while in his car. • <u>Raid:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 11:30, Israeli soldiers positioned at the Beit Iba checkpoint physically assaulted 1 taxi driver, who was hospitalised for injuries sustained during the attack.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • <u>Raid:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and patrolled the area. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 19:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit in solidarity with the Palestinian prisoners in Israeli prisons.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (ii) At 08:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr. At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town again and set up a checkpoint near 1 Palestinian National Security checkpoint. At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, searched vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and patrolled the area. At 17:25, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 17:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (iv) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Asakira, searched several houses, and arrested 4 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (v) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Steih in the city of Beit Sahur. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 individuals in the village of Al Asakira: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammad Ahmad Asakr, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Ra'fat Khaled Asakra; (iii) Osama Taleb Asakra; and (iv) Fo'ad Yasin Asakra. • <u>Destruction of Property/Detention:</u> The Israeli army refused to allow reconstruction work to be conducted in Islamic graveyard near Aida Refugee Camp, detained 13 workers, and forced them to leave the area. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 17:45, Israeli settlers stole 2 goats, physically assaulted Mohammad Hassan Hamamrah, 14 years old and a resident of the village of Husan, near the settlement of Betar.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between Al Fawwar refugee camp and the town of Yatta and searched vehicles and civilians. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Dura, searched vehicles, and detained civilians for an extended period of time. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint near Al Fawwar refugee camp and detained 3 Palestinian security vehicles, as the were carrying out their duties, until 18:55. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raid:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samu' and searched several houses. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 18:00, Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli military observation tower in the neighbourhood of Al Qasaba (H2) in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army then closed Al Shalala street between the areas of H1 and H2 using cement blocks. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 10:10, the Palestinian DCO office handed over 3 illegal vehicles to the Israeli authorities.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army built fences 70 meters into Palestinian territory near Points 25 and 30 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 21:00, Palestinian security forces prevented a number of gunmen from firing an unidentified mortar.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 15:35, the Israeli army opened fire at a Palestinian security position north of Sheikh Ijlin Junction to the south of the city of Gaza. At 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire again, claiming to be training.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:55, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 110 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. (ii) At 21:25, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vi) Abu Holi road is open. At 13:10, the Israeli army closed Salah ad Din road between Al Matahen and Abu Holi, and reopened it at 14:10. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 175 on the Green Line towards several farmers east of the village of Abasan al Kabira. (ii) At 17:45, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Points 10 and 11 on the security line towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp and the neighbourhood of Al Namsawi. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations at Point 9 on the security line towards the Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army, including an armoured vehicle, a jeep, and a bulldozer, raided 10 meters into Palestinian territory near Point 164 on the Green Line, east of the village of Abasan, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 100 meters into Palestinian territory between Points 9 and 10 on the security line near Al-Gharbi camp.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • <u>Attack:</u> At 20:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 222 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory south of Sufa Crossing. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 20:30, the Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified civilians near Point 219 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing, claiming that they were attempting to infiltrate into the Green Line.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 11,574 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 808 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, only 670 workers (approximately 83% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 5,276 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, only 4,600 workers (approximately 88% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line. (iii) Israeli authorities issued permits for 722 workers to stay overnight inside the Green Line.
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