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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 April 2004 – 08:00 21 April 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	10	10	During raid on Beit Lahiya
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	
Injuries	1	50	51	Majority in Beit Lahiya
Attacks	14	10	24	Incl. 3 air attacks
Raids	28	3	31	Incl. large raid in Beit Lahiya
Air Patrols	2	1	3	
Arrests (per person)	20	—	20	Incl. 2 foreign nationals
Detentions	(Hundreds)	—	(Hundreds)	In Silwad & Deir Nidham
House Demolition	—	2	2	Incl. building for disabled
Land Levelling	—	1	1	
Wall Construction	14	—	14	Jer., Ramallah, Beth. & Jenin
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	500 <i>dunums</i> in Beit Jala
Attack on Public Sites	1	4	5	
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	—	3	3	
Settler Violence	1	—	1	
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Against Wall construction
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	3 Mortars
TOTAL	90	87	177	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	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.

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. • Arrests/Physical Assault: The Israeli army severely beat and arrested 4 unidentified civilians in the old city of Jerusalem. • 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. The Israeli army tied 1 child, Muhammad Badwan, to an Israeli army jeep and used him as a human shield to prevent protestors from throwing stones. The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians, including 4 international peace activists, as they were trying to untie the child from the jeep.
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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, and again at 00:25, 3 Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Ramallah. (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area. (iii) Since 05:25 on 20 April 2004, the Israeli army has remained

	<p>positioned in the town of Silwad. The Israeli army arrested an unknown number of civilians, released 70 civilians who had been detained for interrogation, opened fire towards civilians, injuring 1 child, imposed curfew for the 2nd consecutive day and searched houses.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Nidham and detained civilians in an open field in the village until late into the evening.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> At 03:00 on 20 April 2004, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians at Atara checkpoint: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Sharaka; and (ii) Muhammad Sharaka. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:30, a student's demonstration took place in the town of Beituniya in protest against the continued construction of the Wall. Brief confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the village of Anza, searched several houses, used explosives to destroy the door of one of the houses and destroyed the contents of the house. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 19:40, the Israeli army arrested 2 Palestinian Police officers at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Jaba': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bilal Barahma; and (ii) Amir Dhafir.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall continues north of the

	<p>district of Bethlehem, west of Wadi Hilwa, near the Armenian monastery, on the Jerusalem-Bethlehem road and along the tunnel road (Gilo).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Land Confiscation: The Israeli authorities issued confiscation orders for 500 <i>dunums</i> (125 acres) of land in the town of Beit Jala for construction of the Wall. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 17:15, the Israeli army raided Ayda refugee camp and fired sound bombs and tear gas towards civilians. At 03:35, the Israeli army raided the area again and opened fire. (iii) At 22:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and opened indiscriminate fire. (iv) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem. (v) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Sahur. (vi) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided Duheisha refugee camp. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Tuqu': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abed Khaled Al Sabah; and (ii) Sharif Ali Atwa. <p>At 11:45, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians at a checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Husan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Ahmad Al A'raj; and (iv) Fadi Abdul Hadi.
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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem. At 16:15, and again at 17:35, the Israeli army raided the area again and opened fire. At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the area again and searched 1 house. (ii) At 17:35, an Israeli army jeep raided the village of Qaffin and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians. (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camps and the town of Anabta and patrolled the area. (iv) At 22:20, an Israeli army jeep raided the town of Kafr Al Labad and opened indiscriminate fire towards civilians, claiming that they had been attacked by stones. • Air Patrol: At 09:50, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of

	<p>Tulkarem and its suburbs. At 14:00, Israeli helicopters patrolled the skies over the same area and landed for a short period of time north of the town of Bal'a.</p>
NABLUS	<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 3rd consecutive day, beginning at 08:00 on 18 April 2004, the Israeli army continues to impose curfew on the town of Huwwara. • Settler Violence: At 19:10, a group of Israeli settlers broke the windows of several houses near the junction of the village of Burin. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian, Muhammad Awwad, at a checkpoint set up near the entrance to the town of Huwwara.
HEBRON	<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 08:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Samit and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. Confrontations between the Israeli army and civilians took place. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Sinjir and raided Al Saddiq School for Orphans, run by the Islamic Charitable Society. The Israeli army evacuated the orphans from the school and sealed shut the main entrance of the school after confiscating 1 computer. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Tal'at Rayyan in the village of Deir Samit.
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. • Raid: At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Jayyus. Brief confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Tel Irsal towards Wadi Abdul Rahman. • Raid: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Haris and opened indiscriminate fire, claiming that they had been attacked by stones.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanoun crossing is closed. • Raid/Air Attack/Land Levelling: At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 40 tanks and bulldozers and supported by helicopters, raided the northern neighbourhood of the town of Beit Lahiya, took position at the entrance to the town of Jabalya, opened intensive fire and fired tank shells towards civilian houses. The Israeli army raided the headquarters of the Palestinian Civil Defence and the Directorate of the Ministry of Education, took position on rooftops of houses, demolished several building, destroyed 1 vehicle and erected dirt barricades throughout the area. The Israeli army killed 10 civilians and injured 50 others, several of whom are in critical condition. The Israeli army continues to level land and open intensive fire in the area as of 08:00 this morning. • Killings: The Israeli army killed 10 civilians in the town of Beit Lahiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mutasim Nasir; (ii) Khaldun Abu Jarrad; (iii) Muhammad Al Tanani; (iv) Muhammad Rayyan; (v) Suheil Al Harsh; (vi) Muhammad Abdul Qadir Al Ajjouri (vii) Hamad Al Rantisi; (viii) Radwan Samara Hamtu; (ix) Rafat Abu Hasira; and (x) Muhammad Al Hinnawi. • House Demolitions: The Israeli army demolished several buildings north of Beit Lahiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Institute for the Disabled; (ii) The Palestinian Cultural Centre; and (iii) a fence around the Centre for Olympic Games • Palestinian Attack: At 08:30, 2 Qassam mortars were fired from the outskirts of Beit Lahiya towards the Erez crossing. At 20:35, 1 Qassam mortar was fired towards the same area.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The junction of Nitsareem remains closed.

<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attacks: At 17:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location east of Deir al Balah towards a Palestinian National Security location.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul 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. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 11 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighbourhood. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 9, 10, 11, and 12 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighbourhood, West Khan Yunis refugee camp and Khan Yunis cemetery. • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the area south of the settlement of Kissufim near a Palestinian National Security location.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul 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/Air Attack: At 22:45, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians in Tel Sultan neighbourhood. At 23:30, Israeli helicopters opened fire at the same area. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 100 meters into Palestinian Territory near Salah ad Din gate and levelled land.

GENERAL

<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunger Strike: Detainees at Al Muscobiye Interrogation Center declared a hunger strike after they were physically assaulted by prison guards while they were blindfolded. • Child Prisoners: The administration of Benyamin Military Prison Camp continues to subject 13 child prisoners to extreme psychological duress, has beaten the child prisoners, placed them in solitary confinement, denied them water, and has not removed waste, including food, from their cells for several days.
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