

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 20 April 2005 – 08:00 21 April 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	Miscarriage due to checkpoint delay
Injuries	3	—	3	Herd of pigs released by settlers
Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. 3 from mil. posts
Raids	15	1	16	Incl. Ramallah & Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	12	1	13	Incl. 3 children and 1 security officer
Detention	1	—	1	Several officers in Ramallah
Expulsion	(27)	—	—	Evacuation notices to 3 families
House Demolitions	(Many)	—	—	Notices to demolish houses in Hebron
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
House Occupation	(Many)	—	—	Many houses in Dura, Hebron
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	4	—	4	Incl. in Tulkarm, Bethlehem, Hebron
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	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 open
Medical Obstruction	—	1	1	Ambulance impeded in Rafah
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Incl. construction of a bridge in Jer.
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. detaining 1 vehicle
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	Incl. 1 mortar towards settlement
Pal. Security Measures	1	9	10	Incl. dismantling two tunnels
TOTAL	69	19	88	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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.
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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. Settlement Activity: Israeli authorities began construction of a bridge in the area of Al Magharba neighbourhood near the western wall of the old city of Jerusalem. The bridge is intended to facilitate the entrance of Israelis to Al Aqsa Mosque through Al Magharba Gate, controlled by the Israeli Police. The construction of the bridge threatens Islamic archaeological sites in the area, and increases tensions in the Al Aqsa Mosque area.
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 22:55 on 19 April 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of Surda and searched several houses. At 08:40, the Israeli army raided the industrial zone in the city of El Bireh and served summons to several civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence office in Beit El. At 23:00, 40 Israeli infantry soldiers raided a neighbourhood in the city of El Bireh and searched 1 house. At 02:45, an Israeli army patrol detained a civilian vehicle in the city of

	<p>Ramallah, detained a number of Palestinian National Security officers for several hours, and arrested the driver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 02:45, the Israeli army detained a governmental vehicle and arrested 1 Palestinian officer. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 12 April 2005, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint near the village of Deir Abu Mash'al arrested Saleh Zahran. (ii) At 23:30, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up on the 'Atara overpass arrested Khaled Qadadha. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in the city of Ramallah:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Sarmad 'Odeh; and (iv) Haitham Al-Tarifi, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Expulsion:</u> The Israeli civil administration issued evacuation orders to 3 families (27 individuals) to leave the village of Al Aqaba within 72 hours.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction of the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates/School Disruption:</u> <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. • <u>Raid:</u> At 17:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqilya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and searched the area located between the settlement of Berakha and the village of Kafr Qalil. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 11:00, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint, located at the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus, and arrested 3 unidentified civilians. The checkpoint was reopened at 13:10.

<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: 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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • Injuries: Several civilians, including 1 female civilian, her daughter, and another child, Mohammad Abdullah Sarsur, suffered fractures and injuries as a result of an attack by a herd of pigs near the village of Sarta. Pigs have often been released in the area by Israeli settlers near the settlement of Barqan, damaging farms in the area and causing panic amongst civilians in the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilian vehicles. (ii) At 21:00, and again at 23:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem, the village of Artas, and Duheisha refugee camp. • Palestinian Security Measures: On 20 April 2005, the Palestinian DCO delivered a 2kg explosive device to the Israeli authorities. The device had been discovered by the Palestinian Preventive Security.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Al Shalala street with cement blocks since yesterday.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Dura and searched civilian vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and took position near the Palestinian Police station. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 2 school students. (iv) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilian vehicles. • <u>House Occupation:</u> the Israeli army continues to occupy the roof of several houses at the junction to the town of Dura. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Surif: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmad Al Hur, 17 years old; (ii) Ibrahim Al Hih, 22 years old; and (iii) Mohammed Abu Fara, 25 years old. The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of Beit Ummar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Mohammad Farahin, 17 years old; and (v) Mohammad Al Khateeb, 17 years old. • <u>House Demolition Notifications:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army distributed notifications to demolish several houses east of the town of Al Samu’. Two of the houses belong to Ahmad Mohammad Rashid and Abd Arahman Mohammad Hurizat. (ii) At 07:30, the Israeli army distributed a notification to halt construction of a house in the area of Al Hawawra in the town of Halhul to Dr. Jameel Al-Sa’da, claiming that the house is located in Area C.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:05, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated several individuals near Al Shuhada Graveyard east of the town of Jabalya. (ii) At 12:50, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated several individuals near the border fence at Point 26 northeast of the town of Beit Hanun. (iii) At 22:00, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated several individuals near the border fence at Point 30 northeast of the town of Beit Hanun.
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<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. • Palestinian Attacks: At 21:05, Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 2 mortars from the area near Al Shuja'iyeh. Both mortars exploded in the same area they were launched.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Security Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated several shepherds near the border fence near Point 119 east of Al Bureij refugee camp. (ii) At 17:20, a Palestinian security patrol discovered and sealed a tunnel near the settlement of Kfar Daroom.
<p style="text-align: center;">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) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (v) Abu Holi road is open. • Attack: At 19:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 152 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers on Palestinian territory east of Al-Qarara. • Death: Palestinian civilian Ibtisam al Lahham suffered a miscarriage while being transferred from a civilian vehicle to an ambulance at Al Tuffah checkpoint. The vehicle she was travelling in was delayed on one side of the checkpoint while the ambulance called to transfer her was delayed for over an hour on the other side of the checkpoint. She miscarried while travelling to the hospital, located 100 meters from the checkpoint. • Palestinian Security Measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated several individuals near Point 9.5 on the security line opposite West Khan Yunis refugee camp. (ii) At 22:30, a Palestinian security patrol evacuated several individuals near the border fence at Point 152 east of the area of Al Qarara.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Allon Checkpoint to Al Mawasi south of Deir al Balah is partially open. (iv) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:05, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 7 along the Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory near Salah ad Din Gate. (ii) At 19:05, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the outskirts of the settlement of Kfar Yam towards Palestinian territory east of Tal as Sultan neighbourhood in the city of Rafah. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:15, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 3 bulldozers, raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory from Point 9 on the Egyptian border into Block (J) in Rafah refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> The 4 civilians arrested yesterday near Point 219 on the Green Line south of Sufa crossing were identified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sameh Udwan, 15 years old (later released); (ii) Yousif Udwan; (iii) Haitham Abu Toyur; and (iv) Abed al Sattar Abu Sunina. (v) At 11:40 on 19 April 2005, Israeli troops positioned at the Rafah Crossing arrested Hani Jaber Al Qadi, a Palestinian Police officer, while he was accompanying his ill brother. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 09:05, an unidentified mortar was fired from the outskirts of the area of Al Bader towards the settlement of Rafiah Yam. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:05, a Palestinian security patrol and a squad of military engineers prevented an attempt to fire 3 mortars set to fire from a mobile phone near Point 20 on the security line opposite the neighbourhood of Tel as Sultan west of the city of Rafah. (ii) At 17:05, a Palestinian security patrol sealed off a tunnel at Point 6 on the Egyptian border near the neighbourhood of Al Barazil in Rafah refugee camp.
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<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detainees held in Huwwara Military Detention Centre were assaulted by Israeli authorities after the announcement of a strike in protest of their conditions of detention. Israeli authorities refused to provide food and water for a period of 1 day to the detainees, the majority of whom are children.
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