# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 22 April 2011 – 08:00 23 April 2011

### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Brothers severely beaten
Injury	1	_	1	A civilian in Ni'lin village, Ramallah
Attacks	5		5	During confrontations with civilians
Raids	17	_	17	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 4 in Hebron
Arrest (per person)	1		1	A civilian in An Nabi Salih, Ramallah
Detentions	15	_	15	Incl. 2 children under house arrest
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Attacks on Property	3	_	3	Civilians forced to close their shops
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	30		30	Incl. 9 in Qalqiliya and 6 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	44	_	44	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Demonstrations	5	_	5	Incl. against the Wall & settler violence
TOTAL	152	5	157	

DISTRICT	EVENTS				
WEST BA	ANK				
ALL DISTRICTS	• Beginning at 24:00 on 17 April 2011, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish Pesach (Passover) holiday. With the exception of previously-coordinated diplomatic and international missions, humanitarian cases, and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army has denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to Jerusalem city and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 26 April 2011.				
JERUSALEM	Closure:  (i) Beginning at 24:00 on 17 April 2011, the Israeli army has continued to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and set up checkpoints on road junctions and around the old city of Jerusalem to provide protection to celebrations of the Jewish Pesach (Passover) holiday. With the exception of previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army has denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to the city.  (i) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.  (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.  Closure of Main Roads:  (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.  (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.  (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint.  Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.  Raids: At 00:35, the Israeli army raided Biddu town and Beit Ijza village and patrolled it until 01:05.  Detentions: On 22 April 2011, an Israeli court sentenced two children from Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city to house arrest for a period of two weeks:				

Ibrahim Siyam, 15 years old; and Yazan Siyam, 16 years old.

following the house arrest.

The court also ruled that respective families should accompany their children on their way to and back from school for a period of five days

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• <u>Demonstration</u>: At 16:30, a mass demonstration, including international peaces activists, took place in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, in protest against seizure of Palestinian houses belonging to Al Ghawi and Hannoun families for the benefit of Israeli settlers. Participants also protested against Israeli settlement projects in Jerusalem city.

#### • Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village and the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.
- (ii) Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village.

#### Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir 'Ammar village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Ras Karkar village and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Demonstrations/Attacks/Detentions/Injuries:

- (i) At 14:10, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for the expansion of Halamish settlement. Meanwhile, the Israeli army set up checkpoints at entrances to the village and denied access to residents of neighbouring towns and villages. The Israeli army also fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades on protestors, injuring a number of participants, including 11-year-old Ahmed Bilal at Tamimi, as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition to arresting a civilian, the Israeli army detained three international peace activists and released them at a later time.
- (ii) At 14:15, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants, including a female civilian, were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.

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	<ul> <li>(iii) At 14:40, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a civilian. A number of participants also sustained wounds of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Fadhel Tamim at Tamimi in An Nabi Salih village.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al</li> </ul>
	Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.</li> </ul>
TUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 18:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Khirbet Jubara village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raid: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qaffin town.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 10:25, and again at 16:25, and at 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>At 17:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near An Nabi Elyas village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

- (v) At 18:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids: At 11:15, the Israeli army raided Hajja and Al Funduq villages and forced civilians to close their commercial premises.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 21:15, the Israeli army detained Mohammed Abdullah Radhwan, a resident of 'Azzun town, near Shavei Shomron settlement and released him at a later time.

#### • Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.

# • <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

- (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.
- (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.

#### **NABLUS**

#### **Flying Checkpoints:** At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area (i) between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and impeded civilian access. At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (iii) Beita town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area (iv) between 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and Talluza village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 04:40, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints on the (v) junctions to Shavei Shomron settlement and Sarra village and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assaults: Israeli troops severely beat two civilians (brothers) inside the Green Line, leaving them with contusions. At 11:30, both civilians were admitted to the Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment: Samer Hayel Bisharat; and (i) (ii) Hamadeh Hayel Bisharat. Raids: At 22:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Furik town. (i) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Asira al Qibliya village. (ii) **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (i) entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to (ii) two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to (iii) open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The **SALFIT** entrance had been closed for seven years. **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Raid: At 23:40, the Israeli army raided Brugin town and patrolled the area until 00:20. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. **Checkpoints: JERICHO** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra (i) checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.

	<ul> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.</li> <li>• Flying Checkpoints: At 08:35, and again at 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• Raid: At 16:30, the Israeli army raided Marj Na'ja village and forced civilians to close their commercial premises, allegedly because stones had been thrown at Israeli settler vehicles travelling near the village. At 18:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the southeastern area of the village.</li> <li>Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Um Rukba area in Al Khadr town.</li> <li>At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bethlehem city, Ad Duheisha refugee camp, and Ad Doha town.</li> <li>Demonstration/Attack: At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops intercepted the demonstration and fired sound grenades on participants, preventing them from accessing land under the threat of confiscation.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
Hebron	<ul> <li>Closure: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.</li> <li>Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.
- (iv) Beginning on 21 April 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades the detour road connecting Road # 35 and Haram ar Rama area north of Hebron city.

#### • Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:

- (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit 'Einun village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit 'Amra village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:00.
- (iv) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town, detained three civilians, and released them at a later time.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 12:30, Israeli troops positioned near the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp fired tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town.
- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Yatta town.
- (iii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
- (iv) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Surif town.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# ALL DISTRICTS

• At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.

# NORTHERN GAZA

• Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.

GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points:     Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.     Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas.</li> </ul>	