

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 23 April 2011 – 08:00 24 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Attacks | 2 | 2 | 4 | Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 from a mil. post |
| Raids | 18 | 1 | 19 | Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Nablus |
| Air Patrols | — | 3 | 3 | Incl. by combat helicopters |
| Detentions | 16 | — | 16 | Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers |
| Land Levelling | — | 1 | 1 | In Rafah district |
| Destruction of Property | 1 | — | 1 | A vehicle windshield broken, Hebron |
| Closure of Checkpoints | 10 | — | 10 | Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints |
| Flying Checkpoints | 33 | — | 33 | Incl. 5 in Tulkarem and 11 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 | — | 7 | 7 | All crossing points closed |
| Settler Violence | 2 | — | 2 | Incl. attempt to enter Nablus city |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 1 | — | 1 | 2 security vehicles detained, Jericho |
| Demonstration | 1 | — | 1 | Against settler violence in Hebron |
| TOTAL | 136 | 14 | 150 | |

| DISTRICT | EVENTS |
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| WEST BANK | |
| ALL DISTRICTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. Furthermore, the Israeli army prevented Palestinian Christians from entering Jerusalem and celebrating the Holy Saturday. (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 Ikksa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba’. (ii) 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 Ikksa 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Khan al Ahmar junction on the Jerusalem-Jericho main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. |

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| | <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement. |
| RAMALLAH & EL BIREH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to Kharbatha al Misbah village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 01:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Abwein town. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages. |
| JENIN | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raids: (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jabun village. (ii) At 13:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Ra'i town. • 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. |
| TUBAS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Ein al Beida village and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:30. |
| TULKAREM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Checkpoint: At 09:10, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Bizzariya village east of ‘Anabta town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Qaffin and Baqa ash Sharqiya towns and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Baqa ash Sharqiya town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled ‘Illar town. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to ‘Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Khirbet Sir village and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops detained Mohammed Ibrahim Shamasneh, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Baqat al Hatab and Hajja villages and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kafir Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled An Nabi Elyas village. (ii) At 19:05, the Israeli army raided and combed the eastern quarters of ‘Azzun town. (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hajja and Immatin villages. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. |
| NABLUS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (iii) At 10:20, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Shavei Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access. (iv) At 07:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:20, and again at 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the road connecting Nablus and Tulkarem districts. (ii) At 10:20, and again at 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between Nablus city and 'Asira Shamaliya town and searched civilians. (iii) At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Salem and Deir al Hatab villages and searched civilians. (v) At 21:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 07:40, the Israeli army set up four flying checkpoints and searched civilians and vehicles: in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town; on Al Bashan road (the eastern entrance to Nablus city); near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road; and at the entrance to Beit Furik town. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided Jamma'in town and served a summons on Ala' Hussein Ali to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nablus city. At 06:45, the Israeli army raided the city again after an Israeli settler had been killed and others injured. Without coordination between the Israeli army and Palestinian security forces (through the DCO), a group of settlers, including the killed and injured ones, had attempted to gain access to Prophet Joseph Shrine. Later, confrontations took place between school students and the Israeli army, while it was searching houses near the shrine. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. |
| SALFIT | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Haris town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:35, the Israeli army raided Salfit city and patrolled it until 02:45. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement. |
| JERICHO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra 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. (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. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Jiftlik village and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops detained two Palestinian National Security vehicles and allowed them to cross at 12:50 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Raid:</u> At 19:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al ‘Auja village. |
| BETHLEHEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 south-eastern area of the village. (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 <i>dunums</i> of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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.. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jorat ash Sham’a village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jannata village. (ii) At 21:05, the Israeli army raided Husan village, patrolled the area, detained Mohammed Saleh Zu’oul, and released him at 23:10. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement. |
| Hebron | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. |

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| | <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Zif village and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops detained Mousa Mohammed Abu ‘Azizeh, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). (iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit ‘Amra village. (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided Hebron city and searched two houses. (iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided Beit Ummar town, searched a house, and served a summons on Mohammed Yousef al ‘Alami to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 06:00, a group of Israeli settlers broke windshield of a vehicle belonging to Mohammed Ali al Qeimari, while it was parked in front of his house near Kiryat Arba’ settlement in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 14:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place on agricultural land near Karnei Tzur settlement in Beit Ummar town in protest against Israeli settler violence. Participants also demanded that farmers be enabled to tend their land. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which a number of protestors were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town. |
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| ALL DISTRICTS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire in Rafah district. The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilian houses and property in Khan Yunis district. |
| NORTHERN GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported. |
| KHAN YUNIS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attack: In the morning of 24 April 2011, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line on Palestinian farmers, while they were travelling to their land in the eastern Khan Yunis district. Air Patrol: In the morning of 24 April 2011, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the eastern quarters of Khan Yunis district. |
| RAFAH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the morning of 23 April 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of Rafah city. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property. |