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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 03 April 2009 – 08:00 04 April 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	2	2	2 armed Palestinian individuals, N. Gaza
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	3 children beaten, Tulkarem & Bethlehem
Injuries	8	_	8	Incl. 2 journalists in Ramallah
Attacks	7	3	10	Incl. tank shells fired in Northern Gaza
Raids	22	1	23	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 4 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By helicopters and UAVs, Northern Gaza
Arrests (per person)	6	_	6	Incl. a mentally challenged civilian
Detentions	19		19	Incl. 1 child & 3 Pal. security officers
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A house furniture in Hebron
Attack on Property	*	_	_	A notice to evacuate a house delivered
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the Khirbet Safa village, Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	12		12	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	50	_	50	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Rafah & Karm Abu Salem partially
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Evacuated settlement & mil. post entered
Demonstrations	6	_	6	Against the Wall & house demolitions
TOTAL	181	13	194	

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS
DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
- (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.

- (ii) Beginning on 16 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 13:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in sit-in tents in the Olive Mount neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli military orders for evacuation of civilian houses. The Israeli authorities intend to demolish these houses and construct settlements.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.

JERUSALEM

	• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. At 11:35, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied access, and reopened it at a later time. Flying Checkpoint: At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of At Tayba and the village of Deir Jarir and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Um Saffa and served a summons to Mohammed Sidqi Abu Taha to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 02:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana. At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Islam Jamal Jamil Hamad in the city of Ramallah. Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:
JENIN	Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.

	 Flying Checkpoint: At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Zububa and Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles. Detention: At 21:00, Israeli troops detained Mohammed Ibrahim Mustafa al Ahmed, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, and released him at 22:00, after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). Settler Violence: At 17:05, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the evacuated settlement of Homesh. 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	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. <u>Raid</u>: At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Aqqaba and patrolled the area until 02:00.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Raids/Detention/Physical Assault: At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Nazlat 'Isa. At 18:30, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Suweika in the city of Tulkarem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Having detained him, the Israeli army also beat 16-year-old Mus'ab Mustafa Naji and released him at a later time. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, served summons to 5 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 22:10. At 22:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Jihad Mohammed Qattawi in Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

• <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. At 09:40, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time.

• Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 22:30.
- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum and patrolled the area until 03:00.
- <u>Demonstration/Raid/House Occupation</u>: At 14:15, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Jayyus in protest against Wall construction. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the town. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also occupied a house roof, converted it into a military post, and withdrew at 18:00.

• Wall Gates:

- (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 to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

• Wall Construction:

- (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.
- (ii) Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.

• Closure of Main Roads:

NABLUS

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Madama.

- <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 neighborhood only.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to allow Palestinians holding Israeliissued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through Beit Furik checkpoint and Biet Iba iron gate. Additionally, the Israeli army allows free access to physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus.
- (iii) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus.
- (iv) Having removed Beit Iba checkpoint, the Israeli army installed an iron gate near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. The iron gate is open everyday between 05:00 and 24:00 to allow civilian access without permits.
- Raid: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiva.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 21:40, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, including a child, near the settlement of Bracha:
- (i) 'Uday Mahir Hamzeh Faraj, 17 years old; and
- (ii) 'Imad Mousa Shibli Qadous.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

• Raids:

- (i) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zawiya and patrolled the area until 19:50.
- (ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area until 19:50.
- (iii) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf and patrolled the area until 23:00.
- (iv) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Dier Ballut and patrolled the area until 04:10.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.

SALFIT

Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan **JERICHO** road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. **Detention:** At 12:40, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja detained 2 Palestinian National Security officers and released them after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has (ii) continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. **BETHLEHEM Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Tugu' and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids:

- (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.
- At 19:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (ii)
- **Settler Violence:** At 09:20, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and withdrew at 10:30.

Demonstrations/Attack/Physical Assaults/Injuries:

(i) At 12:15, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Artas in protest against Wall construction. Protestors cultivated olive seedlings near the Wall.

- (ii) At 13:45, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. The Israeli army obstructed the demonstration and fired tear gas grenades towards protestors. The Israeli army also severely beat protestors with clubs, leaving 2 children with contusions. A number of protestors also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.
 - Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.

Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling (ii) along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S (iii) for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to (i) the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.
- The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from (ii) travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street leading to the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
- The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of (iv) Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Targumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.

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(v) At 15:30, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the road connecting the towns of Surif and Beit Ummar.

• Flying Checkpoints/Attack:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, claiming that it had not stopped at the checkpoint.
- (iv) At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Curfew/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Safa, imposed curfew, and searched 1 house. At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the village again, searched 1 house, and damaged furniture due to thorough searches. In addition, the Israeli army delivered a notice to Ghazi Ahmed Isma'il 'Aadi, stating that he should evacuate his house. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians, including a mentally challenged civilian.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Sa'ir.
- (iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Khirbet Safa:
- (i) Mohammed Khalil Abu Dayyeh; and
- (ii) Mahmoud Khalil Abu Dayyeh.
- <u>Detentions</u>: At 15:20, the Israeli army detained a number of civilians along Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron and released them at a later time.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.

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 for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, opened fire, and fired tank shells towards Palestinian territory, killing 2 armed Palestinian individuals.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Raid/Air Patrol/Attack: At dawn on 04 April 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters and UAVs, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya, opened intensive fire, and fired tank shells towards civilians and property. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army killed 2 armed individuals. Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals east of the town of Jabalya: Mohammed Hamaydeh; and Jamil Faqeeh.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional basis to allow access to delegations, a fact-finding commission, as well as 4 ill civilians after they had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.