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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 06 April 2007 – 08:00 07 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	_	2	2	Incl. 1 civilian of injuries sustained
Physical Assaults	20	_	20	20 civilians beaten during confrontations
Injury	1	_	1	1 armed Palestinian individual, Jenin RC
Air Attack	_	1	1	4 missiles fired by helicopters, N. Gaza
Attacks	11	5	16	Incl. 5 in raids & 7 from military posts
Raids	20	3	23	Incl. 5 in Salfit and 5 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	4	4	Combat helicopters, Gaza Strip districts
Arrests	7	_	7	Incl. 1 Pal. officer & 2 female civilians
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. infrastructure damaged, Jenin RC
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	22	_	22	Incl. 8 in Jenin and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	34	_	34	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	Ambulance denied access in Bethlehem
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. fire opened towards a settlement
Pal. Security Measures	2	_	2	A settler & vehicle handed over, Jericho
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Against the Wall, Ramallah & Bethlehem
TOTAL	156	21	177	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK 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. Beginning at dawn on 01 April 2007, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the West Bank districts due to Jewish ALL DISTRICTS holidays. Until 09 April 2007, the Israeli army will prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem. After prior coordination through the DCO, the Israeli army would only allow access to urgent humanitarian cases, international organisations active in the Palestinian Authority-controlled territory, and Christian communities on Christian holidays. Closure: 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 prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem. The

• Closure of Main Roads:

to the Al Agsa Mosque compound.

(i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.

Israeli army also continued to level Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <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.

• 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

	TYPE OF THE STATE
	 Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Ar Ram, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the town of Ar Ram arrested Sami Sameer al 'Abbasi.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the
	checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access.
	Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
	• <u>Flying Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• <u>Attack</u> : At 05:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations in the area surrounding the settlement of Psagot towards civilian houses in the city of El Bireh.
	• Raids/Attack: (i) At 00:25, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided Al Am'ari refugee camp in the city of El Bireh. While searching a house, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Jilijliya and fired flares, while patrolling the area.
	Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Detention: A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors. The Israeli army also beat a number of civilian protestors, injuring 14 civilians, including 6 children. In addition, the Israeli army detained 1 international peace activist.
JENIN	Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of D.
	 Otan. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.

• Wall Gates:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- (ii) Beginning on 29 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to regulate times to open Al Jalama and Salim Wall gates between 06:30 until 10:00 and 17:00 until 21:00 respectively.

• Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the villages of Al Kufeir and 'Ajja and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Hashimiya, searched civilians and vehicles, detained 1 civilian, and released him at a later time.
- (iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Al Yamun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jaba' and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Meithalun and the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir arrested Fadi Waleed Abu 'Arrah, a Palestinian National Security officer.

• Raids/Attacks/Injury/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injured 1 armed individual. The Israeli army bulldozer also damaged infrastructure in the refugee camp. At 06:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area.

TULKAREM

- <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem 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 Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city).

	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Seida, searched 4 houses, and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Seida: Sameer Fat'hi 'Ajaj; and Ahmed Rasmi 'Odeh.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Kafr Laqif. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Habla. At 13:30, the Israeli army raided town of 'Azzun. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 03:40, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 1 house, arrested 1 female civilian, and withdrew at 04:35. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Kawthar Yousef Nofal, a female civilian, in the city of Qalqiliya. Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Gnat Shomron. Consequently, the Israeli army combed the area surrounding the settlement as well as fired flares.
NABLUS	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.
- (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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.
- (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 05:50.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Iman Rushdi al Maslamani, a female civilian.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya.

• **Checkpoints**:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.

• Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Farkha, patrolled the area, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 23:15.

SALFIT

JERICHO	 (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin. (iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Marda and fired sound grenades, while patrolling the area. • 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 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 18:05, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli settler along with his vehicle. Palestinian National Security officers positioned at a Palestinian checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk apprehended the settler, while he was attempting to enter the city of Jericho through the checkpoint.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. Flving Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Beit Ta'mir, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Medical Obstruction: At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Um Salamuna in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors. The Israeli army also beat a number of protestors, leaving 6 civilians as well as 2 international peace activists with contusions. In addition, the Israeli army prevented ambulances from accessing the area.
HEBRON	• 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 to and from the area.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 60 near the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Somara south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 17:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 23:05, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Uddeisa.
- (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet ash Shuweika east of the town of Ad Dhahiriya.

- (iv) The Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Omar Mohammed al Jawabreh in Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- <u>Detentions</u>: The Israeli army detained a number of young civilians in the old city of Hebron and prevented them from accessing the Ibrahimi Mosque to perform Friday prayers. The Israeli army released all detained civilians after the prayers were completed.

GAZA STRIP

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The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and air force opened fire and fired missiles towards Palestinian territory on 5 occasions, killing 1 armed Palestinian individual. The Israeli army also carried out 3 raids into Palestinian territory. In addition, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory on 4 occasions. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 2 mortars towards the Green **ALL** Line. **DISTRICTS** Beginning at dawn on 01 April 2007, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the Gaza Strip districts due to Jewish holidays. Until 09 April 2007, the Israeli army will prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line. After prior coordination through the Israeli DCO, the Israeli army would only allow access to urgent humanitarian cases and international organisations active in Palestinian Authority-controlled territory. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open. Beginning at 19:05 on 31 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to close the Crossing due to Jewish holidays until further notice. However, access is only allowed to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and vehicles transporting newspapers, mail, and money. Air Attack: At 01:20, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli combat helicopters fired 4 missiles towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya, killing 1 armed Palestinian individual. Killing: The Israeli air force killed Fu'ad Nabeel Ma'rouf, an armed NORTHERN Palestinian individual, east of the town of Jabalya. **GAZA** • Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 18:25, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 6 on the (i) Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 20:00, the Israeli army fired flares from one of its locations on the (ii) Green Line over Palestinian territory northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.

At 00:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 64 on the

Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.

	 Raid: At 17:00, Israeli Special Forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 38 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Air Patrol: At 00:40, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya. Palestinian Attack: At 19:50, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	• <u>Palestinian Attack</u> : At 02:40, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attack: At 19:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 127 on the Green Line towards a number of civilians east of Al Maghazi refugee camp, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Raid: At 19:55, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Palestinian territory near Point 131 on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah and withdrew at 20:10.
KHAN YUNIS	 <u>Death</u>: At 14:00, Khaled Ali ash Shawwaf died of critical injuries sustained during an Israeli army's raid into the area of Khuza'a 8 months ago. <u>Attack</u>: At 16:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 150 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 13:10, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is open. From 09:00 until 17:00, the Crossing was open in both directions. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Raid: At 14:50, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory near the Green Line east of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Air Patrol: At 13:10, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Rafah.