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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

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

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	1 civilian of injuries sustained, Rafah
Injury		1	1	1 armed Palestinian individual, N. Gaza
Attacks	9	2	11	Incl. 5 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	20	_	20	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron
Arrests	15	_	15	Incl. 2 Pal. security officers & a judge
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2		2	Furniture of 2 houses damaged
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	30	_	30	Incl. 7 in Jerusalem and 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	33	_	33	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	An ambulance detained at a checkpoint
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Fire opened towards a civilian, Salfit
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A Customs Police station surrounded
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 2 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	175	13	188	

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 holidays. Until 09 April 2007, the Israeli army will prevent civilians with DISTRICTS 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 continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to the Al Agsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. This Israeli measure aims to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to (i) Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al (ii) Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. **JERUSALEM** (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. Checkpoint: 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:** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu (i) Dis with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall (ii)

thorough searches using electronic devices.

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

•	Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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 Checkpoints/Detentions:

- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bir Nabala and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Qatanna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Anata, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Beit Hanina at Tahta and Beit Iksa, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a number of young civilians, and released them at a later time.
- <u>Attack</u>: On 06 April 2007, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint fired tear gas grenades towards civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. Israeli troops also arrested 2 civilians.
- Raid: At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Biddu and patrolled the area.

• Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of 'Anata arrested Mu'ath Mohammed ad Dabsheh.

Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested 2 civilians:

- (ii) Jalal Younes Abu Issba'; and
- (iii) Hamdi Waheed 'Awwad.

• 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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/Detentions</u>: At 23:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. Israeli troops also detained 2 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer and released them at a later time.

• Raids/Destruction of Property:

(i) At 01:00 on 07 April 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Abud, searched 1 house, and damaged its furniture.

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(ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima, searched 4 houses, and arrested 2 civilians, including a member of the town's municipal council, as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 07:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

• Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit arrested Amjad Yousef Muhareb, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the town of Beit Rima:

- (ii) Abdul Hameed Tal'at Yaseen, a Palestinian National Security officer;
- (iii) Kamal Shukri Zeidan; and
- (iv) Wael Nazeeh Taha.

• <u>Closure of Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.

• <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Misliya and arrested 1 university student.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up 6 flying checkpoints: 3 on the junctions to the town of 'Arraba and the villages of Kafr Dan and Al Jarba and the other 3 at the entrances to the towns of Kafr Ra'i and Silat adh Dhahr and the village of Al Kufeir. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 01:15, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. The Israeli army also opened fire, while searching a number of houses in the refugee camp.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Silat adh Dhahr.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Silat adh Dhahr arrested Ali Dhirar Abdul Razeq.
- Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack/Raid: At 20:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at Salem checkpoint. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire and fired flares over the area surrounding the checkpoint. The Israeli army also raided the village of Zububa as well as pursued and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle.

JENIN

TULKAREM	 Closure: 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 Labrad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya. Checkpoints: 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 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between the towns of Deir al Ghusun and Bal'a. The Israeli army raided and patrolled Nur Shams refugee camp.
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 continues to close 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 resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud and searched civilians and vehicles. At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Azzun and the village of An Nabi Elyas along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: Beginning at 21:30 on 06 April 2007, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army also set up 2 checkpoints at the town's northern and southern entrances, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 13:00.
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.
- (v) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint and impeded civilian access.
- Flying Checkpoint/Detention: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza, searched civilians and vehicles, detained 1 civilian, and released at 11:30.

• Raids/Attack/House Occupation:

- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Salim and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 21:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp and opened fire. In the city, the Israeli army occupied 1 building and converted into a military post. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in the refugee camp. In addition, the Israeli army searched 3 buildings and withdrew at 05:00.

• Arrests:

- (i) At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint arrested Abdullah Mohammed Harb, a judge.
- At 15:20, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested 2 civilians:
- (ii) Majdi Abu Safaqah; and
- (iii) Mu'taz Fayez Isma'il.
- (iv) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik arrested Abdul Ra'ouf Sa'eed al Majdalawi.
- (v) The Israeli army arrested 'Imad Khaled Walweel in the village of Salim.
- <u>Medical Obstruction</u>: At 18:45, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained an ambulance belonging to the Palestinian Military Medical Services along with its driver and released them at a later time.

SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: 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). 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. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the town of Biddya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Biddya, searched a mechanic's workshop, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 12:30. At 13:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Biddya: Malek Taleb Mizyed; and Sa'eed Theeb Abu Kheir. Settler Violence: An Israeli settler from the settlement of 'Eli Zahav west of the town of Kafr ad Dik opened fire towards Abdul Hameed Hasan Khadher, while he was present on his land near the settlement.
JERICHO	 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.
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 resumed 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.
- Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the settler bypass road connecting the city of Beit Sahur to the town of Za'tara and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids: At 08:50, the Israeli army raided the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. In the city of Beit Sahur, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

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:

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- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following (i) 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.
- In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to (ii) 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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints,

one on the overpass to the town of Halhul and the other at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis, and searched civilians and vehicles.

- Attack: At 21:30, Israeli troops fired flares, after Palestinian individuals threw 2 Molotov cocktails at an Israeli army patrol while it was travelling along Al Fawwar junction. Israeli troops also combed the area.
- Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 3 checkpoints in area of Ras al Jora as well as along As Salam and Wadi at Tuffah Streets, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time, surrounded the Palestinian Customs Police station, and demanded that officers leave the station. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Destruction of Property</u>: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided a house belonging to Mohammed Kamal ash Sharif in Tall Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, after having destroyed its doors. The Israeli army also damaged furniture in the house.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats on 2 occasions. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
- 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.

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: 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.
- <u>Injury</u>: At 01:20 on 07 April 2007, an armed Palestinian individual sustained injuries during an Israeli air attack on Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya, in addition to the armed individual who was reported to be killed during the attack.
- <u>Attacks</u>: At 10:40, and again at 21:25, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Al Waha beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 21:15, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.

GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attack: At 10:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Death: At 15:00, Iyad Rasmi Abu Taha died of critical injuries sustained during an Israeli air attack on As Salam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp as was reported on 22 April 2004. 	

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS • Relocation of Political Prisoners: The Israeli authorities relocated over political prisoners from An Naqab (Ketziot) Military Detention Camp several other Israeli prisons.	
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