## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 09 April 2007 – 08:00 10 April 2007

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1		1	A guard at Al Aqsa Mosque compound
Attacks	9	3	12	Incl. 7 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	18	2	20	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 4 in Tulkarem
Arrests	8		8	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	2	2	Near the Green Line east of Gaza city
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3		3	Incl. a road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Closure of Checkpoints	14		14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	33		33	Incl. 7 in Jenin and 7 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	33		33	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	2		2	Incl. an ambulance denied access, Nablus
Attack on Religious Site	1		1	The Al Aqsa Mosque compound raided
Settler Violence	1	_	1	The Al Aqsa Mosque compound raided
Palestinian Attacks	3	1	4	Incl. fire opened towards a settler vehicle
TOTAL	172	14	186	

DISTRICT EVENT
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#### WEST BANK

## ALL 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.

• <u>Closure</u>: 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 Aqsa 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:

- (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.
- (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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the village of Beit Iksa and the town of Beit Hanina and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### **JERUSALEM**

	<ul> <li>Attack on Religious Site/Physical Assault: Under the protection of the Israeli army, a group of Israeli settlers raided the yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Israeli settlers also beat and injured a Palestinian guard as he attempted to prevent them from entering the compound. In addition, settlers tore apart the guard's clothes. The Israeli army also arrested the injured guard.</li> <li>Arrests: <ol> <li>At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested an unidentified female civilian, allegedly for locating a knife in her possession.</li> <li>The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud al Khatib, an injured guard, in the Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.</li> <li>Raids/Destruction of Property:</li> <li>At 16:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house, after having destroyed its doors. At 03:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>At 23:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Zeit and the village of Burham. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>Arrest: At 16:00, the Israeli army arrested Salem 'Ayed Froukh near the</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>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 Dotan.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
	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:

- (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up 7 flying checkpoints: on the junctions to the town of Qabatiya and the villages of Az Zawiya and Al Kufeir; in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya; and at the entrance to the town of Al Yamun. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Fahma, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

#### • Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Ash Shuhada' and opened indiscriminate fire, while searching a house.
- (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya. While patrolling the area, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Fahma arrested 'Ammar Fahed Sa'abneh.

## • <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).
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

## • Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ramin, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and released them at a later time.
- (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Bizzariya and Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 08:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir al Ghusun.
- (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.
- (iii) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and

#### **TULKAREM**

	Nur Shams refugee camp.
	• <u>Closure of Roads</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
	• 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.
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr
	Thulth and 'Azzun.
	• Flying Checkpoints/Palestinian Attack:  (i) At 08:00, the Igraeli array set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2
	civilians as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer.  (ii) At 09:00, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint
	(ii) At 09:00, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Jayyus and the village of Kafr Jammal
	and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern
QALQILIYA	entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iv) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and
	searched civilians and vehicles.
	(v) At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	the town of 'Azzun, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded
	civilian access, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main
	road.
	(vi) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the
	villages of Sanniriya and Beit Amin and searched civilians and
	vehicles.
	• Raid: At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Habla.
	• Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the
	junction to the village of Jit arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer:
	(i) Mahmoud Ragheb Salah, a Palestinian National Security officer;
	(ii) Mu'tassem Mohammed Seif; and
	(iii) 'Imad Jawdat Seif.
	Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the
NABLUS	junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei
NADLUS	Shomron.  (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern
	(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.
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- <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.

## • Flying Checkpoints/Medical Obstruction:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Huwwara and the village of 'Einabus, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied access to an ambulance that was transporting an ill child to hospital. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also arrested a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Ijnisinya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid/Medical Obstruction/Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack: At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched 2 houses, and detained as well as searched an ambulance. In addition, Israeli troops opened indiscriminate fire, after armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army jeep. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time.
- Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the town of Huwwara and the village of 'Einabus arrested Jamal Yousef Khdeir, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.

## • Closure of Main Roads:

#### **SALFIT**

- (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:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut (i) 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 (ii) junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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 Checkpoints:** At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-eastern entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:30. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the (ii) city of Salfit and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf. 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. **JERICHO** 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. 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 continues 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 Checkpoints: BETHLEHEM** At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the village of Ash Shawawra and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of (ii) Jinnata and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (iii) the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack: The Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (i) The Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin. While patrolling the (ii) area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades.

#### • 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.
- (iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the road to the town of Beit Kahil.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues 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/Attack:

- (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil, searched civilians and vehicles, opened fire, and fired flares over the area.

#### Raids:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- Palestinian Attack: At 23:40, armed Palestinian individuals detonated a

#### **HEBRON**

handmade explosive device near an Israeli army military post south of the
town of Dura.

## **GAZA STRIP**

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 3 occasions. In addition, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs.
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: <ol> <li>At 16:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 72 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.</li> <li>At 19:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 75 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.</li> <li>At 23:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 78 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids/Land Levelling: At 11:05, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 63 on the Green Line east of Gaza city, levelled and, and withdrew at 11:30. At 13:25, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory again, levelled land, and withdrew at 17:20.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• <u>Palestinian Attack</u> : At 07:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:</li> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>