مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 09 April 2009 – 08:00 10 April 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	8	_	8	Incl. a university student beaten in Jenin
Attacks	3	1	4	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 by navy boats
Raids	32	_	32	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 6 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	2	_	2	Incl. a Palestinian security officer, Jericho
Detentions	18	_	18	Incl. a father and his son in Nablus
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Civilians forced to closed their shops
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into military posts, Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. access impeded a 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17		17	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 3 in Qalqiliya
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	_	6	6	Only Rafah Crossing open exceptionally
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. Al Aqsa Mosque compound raided
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Taking position near a Police station
Demonstration	1	_	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Tulkarem
TOTAL	157	7	164	

DISTRICT EVENTS	
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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 24:00 on 06 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to **ALL DISTRICTS** impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Passover. Only allowing access to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army has prevented civilians and workers from accessing the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 18 April 2009. **Closure:** Beginning on 08 April 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions (i) at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem as well as set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Agsa Mosque compound to provide protection to Israeli settlers,

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).

who travelled to the Western Wall in the old city of Jerusalem.

On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order #

(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:

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- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- <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.
- Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 20:00, the Israeli army riaded the town of Abu Dis, took position near the town's Palestinian Police station, patrolled the area, and withdrwe at 20:40.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: On 09 April 2009, groups of Israeli settlers, protected by Israeli troops, raided yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem, made a tour in its yards, and performed Jewish religious rituals.

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)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 was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Passover 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. 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 Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. RAMALLAH At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit (i) EL BIREH Liqya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 23:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a (ii) checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Passover west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. 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 Flying Checkpoint/Physical Assault/Injury: At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jarba, searched civilians and vehicles, and severely beat Ahmed Mahmoud Nassr, a university student, leaving him with contusions. Israeli troops also took **JENIN** a specimen of blood from Nassr's body. Consequently, Nassr was transported to the Jenin Public Hospital for medical treatment. Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 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.
TULKAREM	 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. Flving Checkpoints/Physical Assault: At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the town of Beit Lid, searched civilians and vehicles, and severely beat Ibrahim Mohammed Duroubi, leaving him with contusions. As a result, Duroubi was transported to hospital for medical treatment. At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. At 20:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villagem of Shufa. Demonstration: At 11:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Tulkarem in solidarity with prisoners as well as demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons. 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. Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun with cement blocks. Checkpoint: 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 13:50, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access in both directions, and reopened it at 16:15. Flying Checkpoints/Attack: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun, searched civilians and vehicles, and fired flares over the area.

- (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles at the entrance to the tunnel leading to the village of Habla (the southern entrance to the city of Oalqiliya).
- (iii) At 21:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Azzun and the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attack on Property:

- (i) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and searched 1 house.
- (ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum, patrolled the area, forced civilians to close their commercial shops, and withdrew at 01:05.
- (iii) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun.
- (iv) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Asla.
- (v) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jit.

• 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 was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Passover 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:

(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.

• <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

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.
- (v) At 15:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions as well as impeded civilian access at the checkpiont set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Wazan and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Detentions:

- (i) At 18:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Burin, detained 2 civilians (a father and his son), and released them at 00:30.
- (ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Osarin.
- (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir al Hatab.
- (iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.

• Detentions:

- (i) At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained Yousef Mohammed Mousa, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him at 09:20.
- (ii) At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkopint detained Iyad Sa'id Sharab, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at 14:30.

• 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.

SALFIT

Flying Checkpoints: At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:40. At 20:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between (ii) the towns of Deir Istiya and Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrnace to (iii) the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 08:15, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya. At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Haris. (ii) Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Passover 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. 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. **JERICHO** (i) At 18:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja. At 21:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Jericho as well as the (ii) refugee camps of 'Aqbat Jaber and 'Ein as Sultan, searched 2 houses, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. Arrests: At 08:20, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint arrested (i) Nihad Tayseer Abu Dayyak, a Palestinian National Security officer. At 13:00, the Israeli army arrested Mus'ab Raheem Abu al 'Asal near (ii) the city of Jericho, after he had a traffic accident with an Israeli settler vehicle. Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of (i) 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 **BETHLEHEM** (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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint as well as searched civilians and vehicles on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem).

• Raids/Detentions/Physical Assaults:

- (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem.
- (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town again, detained as well as beat 6 civilians, and released them at a later time.
- (iii) At 18:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the debris of the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Passover 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S 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:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to 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.

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- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from 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.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the towns of Surif and Beit Ummar.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/House Occupations/Attack:

- (i) Beginning at 07:30 on 08 April 2009, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the village of Khirbet Safa and continued to occupy 2 houses, which it converted into military posts.
- (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and opened fire, while it was patrolling the area.
- (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Nuba and Kharas.
- (iv) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Qilqis and searched a numebr of houses.
- (v) At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched 1 house.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 23:00, a group of Israeli settlers installed 2 caravans near Ar Rajabi residential building in the old city of Hebron in an attempt to reoccupy it, after they had been evacuated by an Israeli High Court decision.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish holiday of Passover 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>: Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats in the district of Rafah.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.	
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 22 civilians, who had recieved medical treatment at Egyptian and Saudi hospital. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attack: In the morning of 10 April 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the city of Rafah's beach. 	

GENERAL

POLITCAL PRISONERS	• <u>Adminstrative Detention</u> : For the 4 th consecutive time, the Israeli military court at the Ketziot (An Naqab) Miltiary Detention Camp extended for 6 months the administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against Saher Zaki as Sa'di.
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