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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 10 April 2009 – 08:00 11 April 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Incl. protestors beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	11	_	11	Incl. 2 Israeli peaces activists
Attacks	8	3	11	Incl. 3 in raids and 2 by navy boats
Raids	30	1	31	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 6 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	4		4	Incl. a child in the district of Tulkarem
Detentions	20		20	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Wall Construction	25		25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Confiscation of Property	1		1	A security officer's pistol in Ramallah
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a mil. post in Tulkarem
Closure of Checkpoints	13	_	13	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	17	_	17	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 6 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	7		7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	52		52	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 17 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		6	6	Only Rafah Crossing open exceptionallty
Settler Violence	4		4	Incl. civilians and children beaten
Demonstrations	5	_	5	Against the Wall and house demolitions
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	An Israeli female settler handed over
TOTAL	203	10	213	

DISTRICT EVENTS

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 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:

- (i) On 10 April 2009, 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 the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. Meanwhile, the Israeli army provided protection to Israeli settlers, who travelled to the Western Wall in the old city of Jerusalem, for celebration of the Jewish holiday of Passover.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
- (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due it its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) 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: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 04:00.

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	• <u>Demonstration</u> : At 13:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in a sit-in tent in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli military orders for evacuation of civilian houses. The Israeli authorities intend to demolish these houses and construct settlements.
	• Wall Gates: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu
	Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids/Detention/Confiscation of Property:
	(i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma, set up a
RAMALLAH	checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles.
& EL BIREH	(ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Liqya. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
	(iii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh as well as the town of Beituniya. In the city of El Bireh, the Israeli army set up 4 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a Palestinian National Security officer, and confiscated his pistol. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	 Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: At 13:00, 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, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians, incluidng a journalist. Additionally, the Israeli army injured an Israeli peace activist. Other civilians also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.

	 (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 6 civilians. In addition, a number of protestors were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Raids: At 18:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. At 19:10, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between the town of Birqin and the village of Kufeirit. 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	 Checkpoint: 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. Raids: (i) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqqaba. (ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas.
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. Raids/House Occupation/Attacks: At 13:45, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also occupied a house roof, converted it into a military post, and arrested 2 civilians, including a child. At 19:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Beit Lid and 'Anabta. At 19:30, the Israeli army riaded the village of Kafr al Labad, opened indiscriminate fire, and arrested 2 civilians. At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, patrolled the area, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and withdrew at 02:35.

- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem:
- (i) Omar Naseem Khattab, 15 years old; and
- (ii) Mazen Abdullah Abu 'Aysheh.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr al Labad:

- (iii) Shadi Nitham Abu Rashid; and
- (iv) Waleed Abdul Fattah Barhoush.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Closure of Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
- (ii) Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun with cement blocks.
- (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army closed the Qalqiliya-Nablus main because Israeli settlers were marching in a procession between the settlements of Kedumim and Karnei Shomron on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Passover. The Israeli army reopened the road at a later time.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. At 17:50, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access in both directions, claiming to be conducting military training in the area. At 18:10, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrnace to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Funduq and Jinsafut.

• Detentions/Physical Assault:

- (i) At 14:55, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya detained Iyad Ishtayyeh, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him at 15:05, after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- (ii) At 22:25, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya detained Suheil Sweilem, a taxi driver, severely beat him, and released him at a later time.
- <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries</u>: At 15:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Jayyus in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.

• 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.

QALQILYA

• Wall Construction:

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

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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 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:
- (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.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 15:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Aqraba and the village of Majda Bani Fadil and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

(i) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Til and Sarra.

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	 (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and patrolled the area until 01:50. (iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Osarin. Settler Violence: At 14:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the vicinity of the village of Talfit, provoked civilians, and withdrew at 14:50.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Raids: At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zawiya. Detention: At 07:50, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Mohammed Thaher, a resident of the city of Salfit, and released him at a later time. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Raid: At 11:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk. Palestinian Security Measure: At 15:15, Palestinian security forces handed over the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli female settler, after she had mistakenly dirven her vehicle, into the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	• Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.

- (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has 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>Checkpoint</u>: At 09:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Contianer') checkpoint. Israeli troops also served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrnace to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrnce to the town of Beit Fajjar and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area until 08:30.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.
- <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Injuries</u>: At 13:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. The Israeli army obstructed the demonstration and severely beat protestors with clubs and rifle butts, leaving a child as well as an international peace activist with injuries and contusions.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.

• Closure:

HEBRON

- (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.
- (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.
- (vi) At 10:30, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of 'Abda and Khirbet Karma.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. At 22:30, and at 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Wadi ash Shajina.
- (iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Sa'ir and Bani Na'im.

• Settler Violence/Injuries:

- (i) At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to land belonging to the village of Khirbet Safa, allegedly to perform Jewish religious rituals. The Israeli army prevented settlers from provoking civilians.
- (ii) At 11:55, a group of Israeli settlers assailed a number of Palestinian children in neighbourhood of Tal Rumeida in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) At 13:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karmi'el beat a number of civilian residents of the village of Um al Kheir. As a result, Ruqayyah Ali al Hathalin, an 8-month-pregnant female civilian, sustained contusions and Tareq Salem 'Ubeid al Hathalin bone fractures and contusions. Injured civilians were transported to hospital.

• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory. Israeli navy boats also opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats in the district of Rafah.

Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. **NORTHERN** Raid: At 00:35, Israeli Special Forces raided the area of Abu Samra north of **GAZA** the town of Beit Lahiya. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli Special Forces troops and armed Palestinian individuals. **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. **GAZA** (ii) Attack: At 11:00, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of Gaza city. **CENTRAL** Activities not reported. **GAZA KHAN YUNIS** Activities not reported. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (i) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional basis to allow (ii) access to 22 civilians, who had recieved medical treatment at Egyptian **RAFAH** hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. (iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. (iv) Attack: At 11:00, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah.