#### مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

#### DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 12 April 2007 – 08:00 13 April 2007

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1		1	1 civilian severely beaten in Tel Aviv city
Attacks	3	1	4	Incl. 1 in a raid & 1 from a military post
Raids	24	1	25	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 4 in Salfit
Air Patrols	4		4	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	10		10	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	14		14	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Near the Green Line east of Gaza city
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Confiscation of Property	1		1	A hunting rifle from a house in Nablus
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a military post in Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	14		14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16		16	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	34		34	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 13 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
School Disruption	1	_	1	A kindergarten searched in Hebron city
Settler Violence	2		2	Incl. a house attacked in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 5 mortars fired towards Green Line
TOTAL	158	9	167	

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. Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli

## 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.

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#### • 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.
- 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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 01:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids:
- (i) At 15:40, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Ramallah and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli Special Forces arrested Sary Taha 'Urabi in the city of Ramallah.

### • <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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and the other at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir, and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids/Air Patrol:

- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida and the village of 'Aqqaba.
- (ii) At 20:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by 2 combat helicopters, raided and combed the forests near the village of 'Aqqaba and Ath Thor Mount in the area of Wadi al Far'a.
- (iii) At 07:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin.
- <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 22:20, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the town of Tubas.
- Arrest: At 01:35 on 12 April 2007, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed Mustafa as Sa'di during its raid into the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, in addition to those reported yesterday.

#### **JENIN**

#### 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 Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya. **Checkpoints/Detentions:** (i) 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). At 14:0, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint, (ii) detained a number of civilians, and prevented them from crossing. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. **Flying Checkpoints: TULKAREM** At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and (i) western entrances to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the unpaved detour road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un and patrolled the area until 01:15. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mustafa Subhi Abu Layla, a civilian resident of the district of Tulkarem, inside the Green Line because he did not possess an access permit. **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural (i) roads east of the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to (ii) the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) **QALQILIYA** Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: 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.

	• Raid/Attack: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area.
NABLUS	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.</li> <li>Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Physical Assault: Israeli troops severely beat Hani Mahmoud 'Odeh in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, leaving him with contusions. At 22:20, 'Odeh was admitted to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.</li> <li>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</li> <li>At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 05:45.</li> <li>At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, searched I house, and confiscated a hunting rifle.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
SALFIT	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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).</li> <li>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.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Checkpoints: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid/Air Patrol/House Occupation:
- (i) At 08:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 11:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided the area of Al 'Ein between the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Deir Ghassana, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 13:15, Israeli army infantry forces raided and combed the village of Rafat. At 16:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 30 jeeps, raided the town of Kifl Haris, occupied the roof of a house, and converted it into a military post, claiming to be providing protection to a group of Israeli settler on their visit to the shrine of Prophet Thu al Kifl. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

## • <u>Closure</u>: 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.

- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road, which connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 10:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 10:15, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian Police officer, while they were returning from Jordan:
- (i) Mohammed Ahmed Zeidan, a Palestinian Police officer; and
- (ii) Ali Taher Dandees.

At 13:10, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested 2 university students, while they were on a university trip:

- (iii) Ala' Hasan Da'dou'; and
- (iv) Rizq 'Ayesh.

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	(v) The Israeli army arrested Abdul Raheem Khalil 'Atiyyat in the village of Al 'Auja.
BETHLEHEM	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Raids/Palestinian Attack: <ol> <li>At 16:15, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of Tuqu', after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle. In addition, the Israeli army also closed the town's entrances with checkpoints. While patrolling the area, confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 17:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Fajjar: <ol> <li>Mohammed 'Awwad Diriyyeh; and</li> <li>Shadi Mahmoud Diriyyeh.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
HEBRON	<ul> <li>Closure: <ul> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads:</li> <li>(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</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- 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) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road to the town of Beit Kahil as well as the entrance to the area of Yaqin, leading to the town of Bani Na'im.
- <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 Checkpoint:** At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 60 near the junction to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids/School Disruption:
- (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided the area of Al Jaladeh in the city of Hebron as well as searched a kindergarten and a number of commercial shops.
- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Dweirban, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up another checkpoint in the area of Wadi al Hariya, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time and patrolled the area.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 19:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Negohot provoked civilians and aimed their weapons at them near the junction to the village of Kharsa. Israeli settlers also attacked a house belonging to Khaled Hasan 'Amr.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

#### 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 1 occasion. The Israeli army also **ALL** carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled DISTRICTS land. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. Palestinian Attack: At 06:45, in an attempt to violate the Israeli-Palestinian **NORTHERN** ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified **GAZA** mortar towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched.

GAZA	• Raid/Land Levelling: At 13:10, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 86 on the Green Line east of Gaza city, levelled land, and withdrew at 17:00.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Attack: At 16:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 147 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 12:25, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing is open. From 09:00 until 17:00, the Crossing was open to civilian passengers in both directions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>