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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 15 April 2006 – 08:00 16 April 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death		1	1	1 civilian of injuries sustained, Rafah
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Incl. 1 female child beaten in Hebron
Injuries	5	2	7	Incl. 1 civilian in critical condition
Attacks	6	8	14	Incl. 141 artillery shells fired
Raids	25	_	25	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 5 in Salfit
Arrests	13	_	13	Incl. 1 mentally challenged civilian
Detentions	12	_	12	Incl. 1 Pal. Legislative Council member
Wall Construction	31	_	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. makeshift tents destroyed, Hebron
House Occupations	6	_	6	Incl. 3 houses in the old city of Hebron
Curfew	1	_	1	Over Kafr Qud village in Jenin district
Closure of Checkpoints	4	_	4	Incl. Ramot checkpoint in Jerusalem
Flying Checkpoints	19	_	19	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a playground in Sur Bahir village
Closure of Main Roads	30	_	30	Incl. entrance to Sinjil village, Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. farmers assaulted in Yatta
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	3	5	Incl. 1 Pal. Police station raided, Tubas
Palestinian Attacks	_	3	3	6 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	57-mm shells detonated, Far'un village
TOTAL	169	23	192	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS

Due to the Jewish Passover ("Pesach") holidays, the Israeli army intensified the closure imposed over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts since 11 March 2006. The Israeli army has prevented civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem, only allowing VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination.

WEST BANK

Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
- (ii) The Israeli army closed a playground in the village of Sur Bahir, preventing civilians from holding a celebration on the anniversary of Prophet Mohammed's Birthday.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala as well as the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with 2 checkpoints and barbed wires. The Israeli army denies civilian access, only allowing civilians residing behind the Wall and those holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross on foot.

• Checkpoints:

JERUSALEM

- (i) Beginning on 04 April 2006, the Israeli army has implemented new measures at Qalandiya checkpoint, after having declared it a "border crossing point." The Israeli army designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Beit Iksa (Ramot) checkpoint, denying access to civilian vehicles.
- Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib.

	 <u>Arrest</u>: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested 17-year-old Majdi Muneer Irheimi. <u>Detention</u>: The Israeli army detained Mohammed Abu Teir, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, after summoning him to the Israeli Intelligence Service offices at <i>Al Muscobiya</i> (the Russian Compound) Interrogation Centre.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. Flying Checkpoint: At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:00. Attack: At 18:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps taking position near the Wall section adjacent to the village of Beit Liqya, opened fire towards civilian houses in the village. Raids: At 00:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. At 01:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area. At 02:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 02:35.
JENIN	 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to deny access to civilians under 30 years of age. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 11:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Raba, detained 1 civilian vehicle, and arrested its driver. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Jalbun and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assault: The Israeli army severely beat and injured Jameel Bani 'Odeh, while he was tending sheep in the area of Al Buqei'a plain east of the town of Tammun.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/House Occupations/Curfew:

- (i) At 17:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Tubas, raided the town's Palestinian Police station, and detained 6 Palestinian Police officers and 1 rifle. The Israeli army released the detained Police officers after coordination through the DCO.
- (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, occupied a number of houses in the refugee camp and in Al Jabiriyat neighbourhood in the city, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also searched a number of other houses, set up a checkpoint at the western entrance to the city of Jenin, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr Qud, imposed curfew, and opened fire while searching 1 house. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Ya'bad and opened fire, injuring 14-year-old Ahmed Mahmoud Hamarsheh. The Israeli army also occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

• Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Raba arrested Mohammed Husni al Bzour.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Saed Thabet 'Ubeid in the village of Kafr Oud.

The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in the town of Ya'bad:

(iii) Mohammed Fat'hi 'Amarneh, a Palestinian National Security officer; and

Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the

(iv) 'Imad Khalil 'Amarneh.

district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.

• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the following locales: Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and the town of Bal'a; Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and the town of Kafr al Labad; Dahiyat Dhinnaba and the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish; the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Shufa; the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil; and the towns of Deir al Ghusun and Bal'a. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur.

• Checkpoints:

(i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem ('Einav checkpoint) on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and denied civilian access, only allowing civilians holding Tulkarem-issued IDs to cross.

TULKAREM

	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem (Jubara checkpoint) and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Jammal, set up a checkpoint in the village's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 16:20, Palestinian security forces coordinated with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) to allow the Engineering Unit affiliated with the Palestinian Police forces to detonate 2 57-mm shells located in the village of Far'un.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Jit and Immatin with dirt barricades. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the entrance to the village of Jinsafut on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 18:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Qalqiliya, took position in front of the Palestinian National Security Headquarters, and withdrew at a later time.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus and connects the city to the district of Jenin. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age.
- Flying Checkpoint/Destruction of Property: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza as well as opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle, causing it to turn over and injuring 2 civilians, including Ala' 'Aatef Jabr who was in critical condition. The Israeli army arrested the other injured civilian.
- Raids: At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Askar refugee camps, searched a number of houses, and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 mentally challenged civilian. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

• Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza arrested Wajdi Ali Shihadeh.

The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Askar refugee camps:

- (ii) Mohammed Naji Abu Hamadeh, a mentally challenged civilian;
- (iii) Ahmed Naji Abu Hamadeh;
- (iv) Mohammed Kamal at Teerawi;
- (v) Waseem Asseel; and
- (vi) Mahmoud Jasser Sahloub.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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 entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda as well as the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.

• Checkpoints:

SALFIT

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik.
- (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 was resumed near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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:

(i) At 07:45 on 15 April 2006, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 08:30.

	(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 12:10, and again at 15:40 and at 23:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Salfit until 00:10.
	 (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Iskaka, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 00:45, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and combed the mountainous area north of the city of Salfit. At 02:10, the Israeli army
	withdrew from the area.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks. The Israeli army also prevents farmers not holding Jericho-issued IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. In addition, the Israeli army prevents Israeli citizens from entering the city of Jericho. Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and denied access to civilians under 30 years of age.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. Raids: At 15:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah. At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Beit Jala and fired flares while patrolling the area.
HEBRON	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of

- Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades 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, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 09:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: Israeli troops positioned on a watchtower opposite the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp opened fire towards civilians, injuring 15-year-old Nasser Salameh al Jundi.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and patrolled the area. At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched a number of houses.
- (ii) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint near *Al Ahli* Hospital, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- Arrests: At 01:30 on 15 April 2006, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid on the town of Beit Ummar, as was reported yesterday:
- (i) Khaled Khalil Sabarneh; and
- (ii) Ala' Ziyad Sabarneh.

- <u>House Occupations</u>: The Israeli army occupied and converted into military posts 3 civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Wadi an Nassara and in the areas of Ar Ras and Wadi al Hussain in the old city of Hebron.
- Settler Violence/Physical Assault:
- (i) A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sussia southeast of the town of Yatta assaulted farmers and shepherds residing in the area, destroyed 1 grapevine orchard, and damaged makeshift tents. The Israeli settlers also severely beat Ali Isma'il Nawaj'ah and his young daughter, leaving them with contusions.
- (ii) A group of 10 Israeli settlers threw stones and empty bottles at 2 civilian houses in the old city of Hebron, including 1 house near the settlement of Kiryat Arba'.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure</u>: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements.
- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.
- Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
- (i) Between 08:00 and 08:30, the Israeli army fired 29 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory west the area of Al Hawuz, north of An Nada towers, and near Balsam Hospital as well as 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- (ii) Between 09:15 and 19:45, the Israeli army fired 79 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the vicinity of Al Qarya al Badawiya and near the area of Al Hawuz as well as Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. The attack resulted in the injury of 2 civilians, including 1 child.
- (iii) Between 21:00 and 08:00, the Israeli army fired 33 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 5 Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- Palestinian Attack: At 07:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but landed on Palestinian territory.

GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Attack</u> : At 17:15, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 112 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	 Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 17:15, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 00:40, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, but landed on Palestinian territory.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. Death: At 18:10, 'Iyadeh Abdallah Abu Jareedeh died of injuries sustained during an Israeli army air attack on the area west of Tall as Sultan neighbourhood in the city of Rafah on 07 April 2006, as was reported on 08 April 2006.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 5,416. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure. Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 4,837. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.
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