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#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 15 April 2007 – 08:00 16 April 2007

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	2 civilians in Beit Ummar town, Hebron
Attacks	7	2	9	Incl. 4 in raids & 4 from military posts
Raids	18	1	19	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 4 in Jenin
Arrests	18		18	Incl. 2 children & 2 university students
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Incl. agricultural land in Hebron district
Wall Construction	25		25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2		2	Incl. grapevines & almonds trees uprooted
Closure of Checkpoints	14		14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11		11	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 4 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	34		34	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	1		1	A civilian ran over in Ramallah district
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2		2	Forces demanded not to leave positions
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. 1 explosive device detonated, Nablus
TOTAL	157	11	168	

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#### **WEST BANK**

#### ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. This Israeli measure aims to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.

#### • Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Maysarah Kathem Jaber in the village of Sur Bahir, after searching his house.

#### **JERUSALEM**

#### **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western (ii) entrance to the village of Saffa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. 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 Flying Checkpoint: At 21:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. RAMALLAH **Raid/Detentions:** & (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the **EL BIREH** city of El Bireh. At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 coffee shop, after detaining civilians inside. The Israeli army also examined detained civilians' IDs and released them at a later time. At 15:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Ein Yabrud and (ii) searched 1 house. Arrests: At 08:00, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians near the village of Beit 'Ur at Tahta: Ahmed Ibrahim: (i) (ii) Khaled Ribhi; and 'Abed Hussein. (iii) Settler Violence: At 09:20, an Israeli settler vehicle travelling along the settler bypass road near the village of Al Mughayyir ran over Jum'ah Fayez Abu 'Ilayya. 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 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: JENIN** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits. (ii) Beginning on 29 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to regulate times to open Al Jalama and Salim Wall gates between 06:30 until 10:00 and 17:00 until 21:00 respectively. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to (i) the town of Az Zababida, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Misliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Anza and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 18:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida.
- (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ash Shuhada'.
- (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 6 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the area, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 06:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along the road to the town of Az Zababida arrested Mohammed Nafe' Kmeil.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir arrested Mohammed Ahmed Bsharat.
- (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Misliya arrested Amjad Farah al Far.

## • <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.

- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city).
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack: At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, after having demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. While searching a number of houses in the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 5 civilians, including 2 children, and withdrew at 04:10.

#### **TULKAREM**

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	(i) Thaer Mahmoud Salameh, 16 years old;			
(ii) Ahmed Mohammed Abu Salah, 17 years old;				
(iii) Amir Riyadh Jizmawi;				
(iv) Thaer Mousa Salameh; and				
(v) Mu'ammar Mustafa ash Sheikh Ali.				
• Closure of Roads:				
(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the ag	ricultural			
roads east of the town of 'Azzun.				
(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the er	ntrance to			
the village of 'Izbat at Tabib.				
• Wall Gates:				
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Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continuation.	ies in the			
villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the town				
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• Flying Checkpoint: At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint	ckpoint at			
Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and				
civilians and vehicles.				
Closure of Main Roads:				
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junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of				
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(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the	ha cattlar			
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	<ul> <li>Raids/Attack/Palestinian Attack: At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened fire. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army jeep. At 05:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>Arrest: At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint arrested Ahmed Hussein Shatarah.</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> <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> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.</li> <li>Attack: At 00:45, Israeli troops positioned on Al Ersal Hill north of the city of Salfit opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares.</li> <li>Raids: <ol> <li>At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and served summons to 4 civilians to report to the Israeli Civil Administration in the settlement of Beit II, claiming that they did not obtain licences to construct their houses. At 12:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>At 20:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Yasuf and patrolled the area until 23:00.</li> <li>At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris, searched 3 houses, and withdrew at 02:15.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Yaser Na'im Khuffash, while he was working in an area inside the Green Line because he did not possess an access permit.</li> </ol></li></ul>
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.

	<ul> <li><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.</li> <li><u>Detention</u>: Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge prevented Sheikh Hamed al Beitawi from travelling to Jordan for medical treatment.</li> </ul>
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: <ul> <li>At 09:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 10:10.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul><li>(ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.</li><li>Closure:</li></ul>
HEBRON	<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 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.</li> </ul>

- (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 entrance to the area of Yaqin, leading to the town of Bani Na'im as well as Wadi al Quff road, leading to the town of Tarqumiya.
- <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.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 01:20, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding the settlement of Telem fired flares over the area of Farsh al Hawa north of the city of Hebron as well as around the town of Beit Kahil.
- Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:
- (i) At dawn on 15 April 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, after having demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint in the area of Wadi al Hariya, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- Arrests: At 01:30 on 15 April 2007, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 university students, during its raid into the city of Hebron:
- (i) Majed 'Ashour al Ja'bari;
- (ii) Marwan Abdul 'Afu al Qawasmi; and
- (iii) Sharif Abdul 'Afu al Qawasmi.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed 'Awwad al 'Azazmeh in the town of Dura.
- <u>Land Levelling/Detentions/Physical Assaults/Attack</u>: The Israeli army levelled a 2-dunum (8.093-acre) piece of land, cultivated with grapevines and almond trees, in the town of Beit Ummar. The land belongs to:
- (i) Mahmoud Younes Abu 'Ayyash; and
- (ii) Ahmed Younes Abu 'Ayyash.

The Israeli army also raided the houses belonging to 'Ayyash, detained their family members. The Israeli army also beat 2 civilians and opened indiscriminate fire.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy opened fire on 2 occasions. The Israeli army also carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire a mortar towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched. NORTHERN GAZA Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs.

	<ul> <li>Attack: At 19:00, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Al Waha beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.</li> <li>Raid/Land Levelling: At 13:45, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 3 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 63 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya, levelled land, and withdrew at a later time.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 12:20, in an attempt to violate the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched.</li> </ul>
GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Attack: At 13:10, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 70 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:</li> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah Crossing closed.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>

#### **GENERAL**

WORK PERMITS	<ul> <li>West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,949 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown.</li> <li>Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (10) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.</li> </ul>
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