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#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 16 April 2007 – 08:00 17 April 2007

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	2	3	Incl. 1 mentally challenged civilian
Attacks	8	10	18	Incl. 4 in raids & 7 from military posts
Raids	24	1	25	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 5 in Nablus
Air Patrols	_	3	3	Incl. 2 by helicopters over Northern Gaza
Arrests	18	_	18	Incl. 1 child and 1 female civilian
Detentions	18	_	18	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. 1 civilian vehicle damaged, El Bireh
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Transportation of gas barrels denied
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	24	_	24	Incl. 8 in Jenin and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	35	_	35	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem & 13 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. waste water discharged into Jalbun
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Taking position near a Pal. checkpoint
Palestinian Attack		1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1	_	1	Sit-in on land to be confiscated, Hebron
TOTAL	181	20	201	

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.

# • <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 Dung Gate (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.

#### • Raids/Attacks:

(i) At 08:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Duqqu and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area.

#### **JERUSALEM**

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	<ul> <li>(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Qubeiba, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Midhat Saleh Salameh in the town of 'Anata.</li> <li>Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers placed posters containing the Jewish Ten Commandments on the Dung Gate (Bab Al Maghariba), leading to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Attack: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at 'Atara checkpoint opened indiscriminate fire, claiming that a number of students threw stones at the checkpoint.</li> <li>Raid/Destruction of Property: At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint at its northern entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. An Israeli army jeep also ran into and damaged a civilian vehicle. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, who were in the vehicle, and withdrew at 01:00.</li> <li>Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the northern entrance to the city of El Bireh arrested 3 unidentified civilians.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

#### **Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (i) the village of 'Aggaba and searched civilians and vehicles. At 12:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, 2 on the (ii) junctions to the town of 'Arraba and the village of Al Kufeir and 1 in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Haddad (iii) Tourist Complex along the settler bypass road east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, 1 at the entrance to the (iv) village of Sanur and 2 near the villages of 'Ajja and Al Mansura, and searched civilians and vehicles. **Raids/Detention:** (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army detained a university student and released him at a later time. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint arrested Mu'ayyad I'mar Daraghmeh. Settler Violence: At 10:00, waster water was discharged from the settlement of Ma'ale Galboa' into land belonging to the village of Jalbun as well as into the village's centre. 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: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at **TULKAREM** Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Arrest: At 02:10 on 16 April 2007, the Israeli army arrested 'Amer Na'im Radhwan, a university student, during its raid into Tulkarem refugee camp, in addition to those reported yesterday. **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural (i) roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to **QALQILIYA** the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. **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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids/Detentions: At 22:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a number of commercial shops and houses, after detaining residents. The Israeli army also arrested 6 civilians, including 1 university student, and withdrew at 05:20.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya:
- (i) 'Aref Mohammed Nofal;
- (ii) Mahmoud Ahmed Abu Hamed:
- (iii) Mohammed Milhem;
- (iv) Bashir Mohammed Nofal;
- (v) Bassam Ibrahim Yaseen; and
- (vi) Jaser Hasan 'Inayeh.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and denied access to civilians between 16 and 30 years of age.

#### **NABLUS**

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Huwwara and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Einabus and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Talluza and Al Badhan and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of 'Einabus and 'Urif.
- (ii) At 00:25, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of Balata and 'Askar. The Israeli army also opened fire in Balata refugee camp. In the city of Nablus and in Balata refugee camp, the Israeli army searched a number of houses and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child and 1 female civilian, as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the city of Nablus and in Balata refugee camp:
- (i) Ibrahim Bilal as Sunounu, 17 years old;
- (ii) Najwa Hasan Hashash, a female civilian;
- (iii) Hamdi S'oud Dweikat, a Palestinian National Security officer;
- (iv) Ahmed Mohammed Abu Salhah;
- (v) Mus'ab Mohammed Salhah; and
- (vi) Bara' Mohammed Abu Salhah.

#### • Detentions:

(i) At 16:00, the Israeli army detained Ahmed 'Aref Hanani, while he was tending sheep near the settler bypass road east of the town of Beit Furik, and released him at 19:05.

At 17:10, the Israeli army detained 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer, while they were present in the area of At Tur Mount in the city of Nablus:

- (ii) Hasan Ahmed 'Amer, a Palestinian National Security officer; and
- (iii) Tamer Khaled 'Amer.

At 19:30, the Israeli army released the detained civilian and security officer.

### SALFIT

#### • 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 entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya.

#### **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut (i) checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara (ii) junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. 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. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack/Injury: (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Marda. At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf. (ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris. While (iii) patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. At 03:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit. (iv) **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 **JERICHO** 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. 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. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the (i) city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. **BETHLEHEM** At 16:15, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the unpaved (ii) detour roads leading to the town of Tuqu'. 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. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 09:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala, took position near a Palestinian National Security checkpoint, and demanded that National Security officers strip.

The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint in the city centre and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access to and from the area. Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to (ii) 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. **Closure of Main Roads:** (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 **HEBRON** 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. In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to (ii) 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to (iii) 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. Wall Construction: 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. Raids/Attack: (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 4 checkpoints, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 16:20. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.

(ii)

At 23:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Beit

Kahil, set up several checkpoints, and searched civilians and vehicles.

While patrolling the area, the Israeli army also opened fire as well as fired sound grenades and flares.

- <u>Attack on Property</u>: At 16:15, the Israeli army prevented civilians from transporting gas barrels to their houses along Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Demonstration/Attack</u>: At 15:00, civilians and international peace activists held a sit-in demonstration on land, which the Israeli army threatens to confiscate, near the settlement of Karmei Tzur in the vicinity of the town of Beit Ummar. The Israeli army opened fire towards and dispersed demonstrators.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

#### ALL DISTRICTS

• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 10 occasions, injuring 2 civilians, including 1 mentally challenged civilian. The Israeli army also carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory. On 3 occasions, Israeli combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.

# • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. From 17:30 until 21:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

- <u>Attacks/Injury</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows:
- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards and injured a mentally challenged civilian northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- (ii) At 03:30, Israeli navy boats fired 2 mortars towards Al Waha beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.

#### NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Raid</u>: At 21:25, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli army infantry forces raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 12 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya and withdrew at 22:50.
- Air Patrols:
- (i) At 09:55, and again at 14:45, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.
- (ii) At 10:15, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 00:25, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.

GAZA	<ul> <li>Attacks/Injury: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows:         <ul> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 82 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.</li> <li>(ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 84 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city, injuring 1 armed Palestinian individual.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul> <li>Attacks/Injury: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: <ol> <li>At 17:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 110 on the Green Line towards 2 civilians as they approached the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp.</li> <li>At 18:05, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 115 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.</li> <li>At 21:55, the Israeli army navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of An Nuseirat refugee camp.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points: <ol> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah Crossing open. From 09:00 until 17:00, the Crossing was open to civilian passengers in both directions.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Attacks/Injury: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: <ol> <li>At 19:40, and again at 03:50, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah.</li> <li>At 02:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 225 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory northeast of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>