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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00, 17 April 2008 – 08:00, 18 April 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	2	3	Incl. 1 civilian in Nablus & 1 in Rafah
Injuries	4	7	11	Incl. 6 civilians in Rafah
Arrests	27		27	Incl. 13 civilians in Nablus
Detentions	16		16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	23	2	25	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 4 in Jenin
Checkpoints	15		15	Incl. stricter measures at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17		17	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 1 in Ramallah
Attacks	5	6	11	Incl. 5 in raids & 1 confrontation
Air Patrols		2	2	Incl. combat helicopters & drones
Demolition of Property		1	1	Razing of plants in Rafah
Land Leveling	1	1	2	Land in Nablus
Wall Construction	25		25	Continues in West Bank districts
Closures	7		7	Partial in Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	58		58	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem & 5 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points		4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossing points
Demonstrations	2		2	In Jenin and Jericho
Palestinian Attacks		10	10	Incl.16 mortars fired at the Green Line
TOTAL	201	35	236	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West ALL Bank. **DISTRICTS** At 24:00, the Israeli army imposed entire closure on West bank districts and denied laborers and civilians access to Jerusalem except for humanitarian cases on the occasion on the Passover. The closure will go on until April 27. Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continued to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to (i) Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-(ii) Bareed to the town of al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt (iii) barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special **JERUSALEM** crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the town of al-Izariyyeh, and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Abu Dis. (i)

- (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Anata.
- (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of al-Ram.

• 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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.

RAMALLAH	 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 al-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. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Safa. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Hareth, the western entrance to the village of Ain Yabroud, and the junction of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiah with dirt barricades and cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and impede civilian access.
	 Flying Checkpoints: At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the villages of Deir Bzeegh and Ein Areek, and searched civilians and vehicles. 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.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Flying Checkpoints: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint between the town of Kafr Ra'ie and the village of Fahma. Raids: At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatia, clashed with civilians and injured 1 civilian. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Misliyyeh and opened fire indiscriminately during patrol. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and its refugee camp and patrolled them until 04:00. Demonstrations: At 12:00, a public march organized by the Prisoner's Club and held a strike in front of the red Cross in solidarity with Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TOUBAS	<u>Checkpoints</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.			
	• Raids:			
	(i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tamon.			
	(ii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Toubas and patrolled it			
	until 05:00.			
	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's plain;			
	the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the			
	village of 'Izbat Abu Khamis.			
	• Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav			
TULKAREM	checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarem-Nablus road and at Jubaa checkpoint.			
	• Flying Checkpoints: At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the			
	junction of the village of Zeita and searched civilians and vehicles until			
	17:40.			
	• Raids: At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita and patrolled it			
	until 23:30.			
	• Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted			
	special Israeli permits.			
	• <u>Closure of Roads</u> :			
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural			
	roads east of the town of 'Azzun			
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road			
	connecting the town of 'Azzun to the village of 'Asla.			
	(iii) At 11:30, the Israeli army closed with dirt barriers the road connecting			
	Azzun town to Izbat Tabib village.			
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the			
	checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqilya and impede civilian access. At 14:10, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint			
OALOH VA	because 2 veiled female civilians refused to take of the veil. The checkpoint			
QALQILYA	was reopened at a later time.			
	• 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.			
	• Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in the			
	villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr			
	Thulth and 'Azzun.			
	Closure of Main Roads:			
NABLUS	(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 as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only.
- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.
- (iii) 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 al-Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: at 13:00, the Israeli army set up 3 checkpoints on the entrances to the villages of Sebastia, Burqa and Bazaria.
- Raids:
- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of al-Nagura.
- (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of a-Badhan.
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beita, searched a number of civilian houses, and arrested 9 civilians.
- (iv) At 05:45, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp of Balata in the city of Nablus, opened fire intensively during besieging 1 civilian house, clashed with armed individuals, killed 1 armed individual and injured 3 (2 armed individuals and 1 female civilian), and arrested 4 civilians.
- <u>Deaths</u>: The civilian killed in the refugee camp of Balata is Hani al-Kaabi.
- Arrests:
 - (i) The 9 civilians arrested in the town of Beita are:
 - (a) Khaled Mohammad Hamdan;
 - (b) Muath Mohammad Hamdan;
 - (c) Louay Tayseer Mousa;
 - (d) Ayyoub Salim Adili;
 - (e) Shadid Mohammad Jabali;
 - (f) Izzedin Ahmad Jabali:
 - (g) Mu'taz Jabali;
 - (h) Ma'mun Hamido Jabali; and
 - (i) Fahd Hamayel.
 - (ii) The 4 civilians arrested in the refugee camp of Balata in Nablus are:
 - (a) Samer Abu Lel;

	(b) A'a Ilayyan;				
	 (c) Bassam al-'Asi and his son. <u>Detention</u>: At 11:55, the Israeli army detained at Beit Iba checkpoint a 				
	Palestinian police officer called Issa Mohammad Mahamid but released				
	him at a later time.				
	• <u>Land Leveling</u> : Since April 15, the Israeli army has been razing a 4-dunum				
	land near Huwara military checkpoint.				
	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :				
	(i) The Israeli army continues 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 Hares. In addition, the Israeli army				
	continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Yassouf and the				
	southern entrance to the village of Deir Istiyya with dirt barricades, as				
	well as the southern entrance to the town of Kafl hares and the 2				
	northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawa				
	Bani Hassan.				
SALFIT	Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir				
	Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from traveling				
	towards the town of Kafr al-Dik. At 17:00, the Israeli army closed Za'tara				
	checkpoint and impeded traffic upon the arrest of a civilian under the				
	pretext of finding a suspicious object with him. The checkpoint was				
	reopened at 17:40.				
	• Raids: At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda and patrolled it				
	until 19:20.				
	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the				
	city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north				
	of the settlement of Ariel.				
	• 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.				
	• <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				
JERICHO	connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint				
	set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja along al-Mu'arrajat road				
	that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.				
	• Attacks: At 02:30, the Israeli army fired illumination bombs in the eastern				
	area of the city of Jericho.				
	• <u>Demonstrations</u> : At 12:00, a public strike organized by the Prisoner's Club				
	took place in front of the Red Cross in the city of Jericho on the occasion of				
	the Palestinian Prisoner Day in solidarity of Palestinian prisoners in Israeli				
	jails.				

BETHLEHEM

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.
- (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area of Uash al-Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahour, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance of the town of Teqoa, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the junction of al-Nashash (southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem), and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 16:45, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the village of al-Shawawreh, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids: At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the town of al-Khader and arrested 3 civilians.
- Arrests: The 3 civilians arrested in the town of al-Khader are:
 - (a) Mohammad Ahmad Mahmoud Salah.
 - (b) Ahmad Hussein Salah; and
 - (c) Omar Hassan Naii Salah.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khader; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Ephrata; and in the area surrounding the village of al-Walaja.

HEBRON

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian

vehicles from traveling 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 entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; 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 neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arroub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on entrance to the town of Edna and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the entrance to the town of Beit Kahel.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhoul.
- (iii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula and searched a workshop.
- (iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron, and set up a checkpoint in the area of Bi'r Haram al-Rama. The raid recurred at 18:20 and set up a checkpoint in the area of Bab al-Zawiyyeh.
- (v) At 04:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif, searched a number of civilian houses, and arrested 1 university student.
- (vi) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Ummar and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child.

• Arrests:

- (i) At 01:30 on April 17, the Israeli army arrested during a raid into the town of Surif a civilian called Mohammad Youssef Naji Baradiyyeh.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested during a raid into the town of Beit 'Ummar a civilian called Muntaser Ziyad Sabarneh.
- (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children, under the pretext of entering one of the settlements near the town of Bani Na'im. The arrested civilians are:
 - (a) Athir Hisham Izzat Ziyadat, 17;

- (b) Mu'taz Raja Mousa Ziyadat, 16; and
- (c) Abdallah Khaled Ijdi'.
- The civilian arrested on the entrance ti the town of Edna is called (iv) Mahmoud Afif mahmoud Tmeizi.
- The civilian arrested in the town of Yatta is called Ramzi Rajeh al-(v) Haddar.
- The civilian arrested in the town of Beit Surif is Fadi Mousa (vi) Mohammad Ighneimat.
- The 2 civilians arrested in the town of Beit 'Ummar are: (vii)
 - (a) Ibrahim Abdel Mohsen al-Alami, 14; and
 - (b) Mohammad Ahmad Abdel Mohsen Alami.
- **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 al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

GAZA STRIP

•	<u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to
	allow previously coordinated humanitarian access).
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Attacks:

- (i) On April 16, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its posts inside the Green Line towards armed individuals east of the Eastern cemetery east of the town of Jabalia and killed 1 armed individual.
- (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army fired 1 missile from its posts inside the Green Line towards armed individuals east of the town of Jabalia and injured 1 armed civilian.

(iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army fired 1 missile from its posts inside the Green Line towards armed individuals in the area of Bayarat al-Pasha east of the town of Beit Hanoun.

- **Deaths**: The armed individual killed in east of the town of Jabalia is called
- In the morning of April 17, three unidentified mortars were fired (i) towards the Green Line.
- At 14:20, one unidentified mortar was fir4d towards the Green Line. (ii)
- (iii) At 16:00, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
- At 18:35, one unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iv)
- (v) In the evening of April 17, three unidentified mortars were fired towards
- (vi) At 03:10, one unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

GAZA Mohammad Zaki al-Masri. **Palestinian Attacks:**

the Green Line.

GAZA Closure of Crossing Points:

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	(i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed.				
	(ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to let in a limited				
	quantity of fuel.				
	• Raids: At dawn on April 18, the Israeli army raided the area of Johr al-Dik				
CENTRAL	and clashed with armed individuals.				
GAZA	• Palestinian Attacks: In the evening of April 17, two unidentified mortars				
	were fired towards the Green Line.				
KHAN YOUNIS	Palestinian Attacks: At 10:15, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.				
	• Closure of Crossing Points: (All closed)				
	(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.				
	(ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed.				
	(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.				
	(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) is partially open (18 trucks loaded				
	with goods were allowed entry. The crossing was closed following an				
	armed attack near it).				
	• Palestinian Attacks:				
	(a) In the morning of April 17, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.				
	(b) At 13:00, armed individuals perpetrated an				
	armed attack against an Israeli army post				
RAFAH	near Karm Abu Salem Crossing on the				
	Green Line east of the city of Rafah. The				
	armed individuals clashed with Israel troops				
	resulting in the death of 1 armed individual				
	and the injury of 2. In addition, Israelil				
	combat helicopters opened machine gun fire				
	towards civilian houses and injured 4				
	civilians. Moreover, the Israeli army razed				
	agricultural land and searched a number of				
	civilian houses.				
	• <u>Deaths:</u> The armed individual killed near Karm Abu Salem Crossing east of				
	the city of Rafah is Usama Abu Anza.				

PRISONERS CONDITIONS

• On the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoner Day, Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails appealed in a letter to the world public opinion and published studies showing the inhuman conditions they are living in. The prisoners also complained of lack of medical care. There are about 11,500 Palestinian prisoners, including 360 children and 99 female prisoners Israeli jails. There are also 325 old prisoners including 81 prisoners who have spent more than 20 years in jail and 13 prisoners who have spent more than 25 years.