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#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 18 April 2006 – 08:00 19 April 2006

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	Incl. 1 journalist beaten in Hebron
Injuries	3	3	6	Incl. 4 children
Attacks	4	7	11	Incl. 322 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	31	_	31	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 10 in Bethlehem
Arrests	35	_	35	Incl. 5 children & 3 female civilians
Detentions	18	_	18	Incl. Palestinian Police officers, Hebron
House Demolition	*	_	_	*A notice to demolish 1 house, Jenin
Wall Construction	31	_	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
House Occupations	7	_	7	Converted into military posts in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. Tayasir and Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 3 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	31	_	31	Incl. road to An Nu'man village
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Attacks on Religious Sites	3	_	3	3 mosques raided, Nablus & Al Khadr
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. shelling near Pal. security posts
Palestinian Attacks	_	4	4	4 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstration	1	_	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Ramallah
TOTAL	197	24	221	

DISTRICT EVENT
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#### ALL DISTRICTS

Beginning on 17 April 2006, the Israeli army has intensified the complete closure imposed over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts after a Palestinian individual carried out a suicide attack in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line. The Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem. In addition, the imposed closure applies to international organizations' local staff working in Palestinian Authority-controlled territory until 20 April 2006.

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# • <u>Closure</u>: 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.

• <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 wire. The Israeli army denies civilian access, only allowing civilians residing behind the Wall and those holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross on foot.

#### • Checkpoints:

# (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 continues 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.
- Attack: The Israeli army fired tear gas grenades towards school students from the town of Ar Ram and Dahiyat al Bareed, after preventing them from crossing the checkpoint set up in the area opposite the entrance to Dahiyat al Bareed.

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#### **Raids:** At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a (i) checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army raided the village of Biddu and arrested 3 civilians (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Isawiya and arrested 1 (iii) civilian. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Biddu: Mohammed Abdul Fattah Mansour; (i) Mu'taz Abdul Fattah Mansour; and (ii) Jameel Abdul Fattah Mansour. (iii) (iv) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Jamal 'Ilayyan in the village of Al 'Isawiya. 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 continues 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. **Raids:** At 15:15, and again at 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city of El (i) Bireh, searched 1 house, and patrolled the area. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and arrested 2 (ii) children. At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the (iii) **RAMALLAH** towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana as well as the village of Kafr 'Ein until 02:00. **EL BIREH** At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Al (iv) Mazra'a al Gharbiya and arrested 3 civilians. **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of Beituniva: Ahmed Abdallah Hreish, 16 years old; and (i) Ahmed Sawalhah, 15 years old. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya: Anas Hasan Ladadweh; (iii) (iv) Hamzeh Hasan Ladadweh: and Mohammed Ibrahim Ladadweh. (v) **<u>Demonstration</u>**: At 13:00, a demonstration of female civilians took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons. 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. **JENIN 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.

- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- Flying Checkpoints:
- (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the town of 'Arraba and the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Raid</u>: Beginning at 06:00 on 18 April 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the village of Birqin, arrested 10 civilians, including 1 child, and withdrew at 10:00.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 10 civilians in the village of Birqin:
- (i) Saleh Hammadi, 15 years old;
- (ii) Mustafa Ahmed 'Uroug;
- (iii) Mohammed 'Aref 'Urouq;
- (iv) Yousef Jaradat;
- (v) Ahmed 'Assi 'Urouq;
- (vi) Mustafa Abdul Rahman Subh;
- (vii) Suheil Abdul Rahman Subh;
- (viii) Omar Kamel 'Abbas;
- (ix) Ala' Mansour Khaled; and
- (x) Mohammed Mansour Khaled.
- <u>House Demolition</u>: At 18:30, the Israeli army delivered a notice for demolition of 1 house in the village of Al 'Araqa belonging to Sameeh Qasem Hammad, the father of the individual who carried out the suicide attack in the city of Tell Aviv inside the Green Line. The Israeli army released Hammad after having arrested him from his house, as was reported yesterday.

<u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the 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 to deny access to civilian vehicles.

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	<ul> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem (Jubara checkpoint) and to deny access to civilian vehicles.</li> <li>• Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>• Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya east of the town of 'Anabta and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>• Raids: <ol> <li>(i) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, searched 2 buildings, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer in the city. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• Arrests:</li> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Shadi Abdul Rahman Abu Hadeed in</li> </ol> </li></ul>
	Tulkarem refugee camp.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Hassan Fawzi Tambouz, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Tulkarem.
QALQILIYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Jit and Immatin with dirt barricades.</li> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: At 11:00, and again at 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Jayyus and the village of Kafr Jammal, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 child.</li> <li>Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the town of Jayyus and the village of Kafr Jammal arrested Ja'far Sami 'Adwan, 17 years old.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
NABLUS	Closure of Main Roads:  (i) 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.  (ii) 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:

- (i) 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.

#### • Raids/House Occupations/Attacks on Religious Sites:

- (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Einabus, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied a number of buildings, converted them into military posts, and arrested 1 child (a school student). At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians, including 3 female civilians who are the mothers of Palestinian individuals wanted by the Israeli army. In addition, the Israeli army raided and searched 2 mosques. The Israeli army also continues to occupy 7 buildings, which it has converted into military posts, as of 08:00 this morning.
- (iii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched 1 house.

#### • Arrests:

- (i) At 15:50, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik arrested Safi Isma'il Hanani.
- (ii) At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Ra'fat Abdallah 'Udeili, a Palestinian National Security officer.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Hamed Ahmed Rashdan in the village of 'Einabus.

The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus:

- (iv) Raqyah Lubbadeh, a female civilian;
- (v) Samiah Qafeesheh, a female civilian;
- (vi) Nada 'Uweijan, a female civilian;
- (vii) Khalil Saber Hashash, 16 years old; and
- (viii) Nidhal 'Ameereh.

#### • 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:

(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.

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- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues 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 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:20.
- (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:00.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: At 13:00, the Israeli army severely beat Ghassan Abdul Lateef Ahmed, while he was working on his land near the town of Kafr ad Dik. Ahmed was transported to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.
- Raid: At 08:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan until 10:00.
- <u>Arrest</u>: At 13:00 on 17 April 2006, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hammad Bouziyyeh during its raid on the town of Kifl Haris, which was reported yesterday.

# • <u>Closure</u>: At 06:30, the Israeli army intensified the closure imposed over the city of Jericho. The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and prevents farmers not holding Jericho-issued IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. In addition, the Israeli army prevents civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs, Israeli citizens, and civilians from other districts from entering the city of Jericho. The Israeli army also prevented civilians holding Jericho-issued IDs from leaving the city.

#### • <u>Checkpoints/Detention</u>:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and denied civilian access in both directions, only allowing vehicles bearing Israeli-issued license plates to exit the city. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also detained 20 buses transporting students who were on school trips until 19:30. Israeli troops continue to prevent civilians from entering or exiting the city of Jericho as of 08:00 this morning.
- (iii) At 12:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, denied civilian access to the city of Jericho, and prevented civilians holding Jericho-issued IDs from leaving the city. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint only allowed civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to exit

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	the city of Jericho. The checkpoint continues to be closed as of 08:00 this morning.  (iv) At 07:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Yitav west of the village of Al 'Auja, denying civilian access.
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. 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.</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 north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.</li> <li>Raids/Attack on Religious Site: <ol> <li>At 14:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.</li> <li>At 14:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah and patrolled the area.</li> <li>At 15:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in 'Ayda refugee camp, during which the Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 23:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem, the town of Al Khadr, and Ad Duheisha refugee camp until 00:30.</li> <li>At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and searched the town's mosque, after ordering the muezzin to leave his house and go to the mosque.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
HEBRON	<ul> <li>Closure: <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh; with an iron gate the old gold market; and with a dirt barricade and iron gate the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army also 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.</li> <li>(ii) 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</li> </ul> </li></ul>

are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.

#### • 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.
- (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army closed Road # 60 connecting the districts of Hebron and Bethlehem and denied civilian access, forcing civilians to travel along the alternative road that passes through Tuqu' and Sa'ir to Hebron.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues 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 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids/Detention/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Physical Assault: At 11:00, and again at 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, patrolled the area, set up a checkpoint near *Al Ahli* Hospital, detained a number of Palestinian Police officers, and released them at a later time. The Israeli army also fired tear gas grenades towards civilians in the city centre and severely beat Nayef Thyab al Hashlamoun, a journalist, after which he was transported to hospital for medical treatment.

#### • Arrests:

(i) At 01:00 on 18 April 2006, the Israeli army arrested Wisam 'Azzam al Qawasmeh in the city of Hebron.

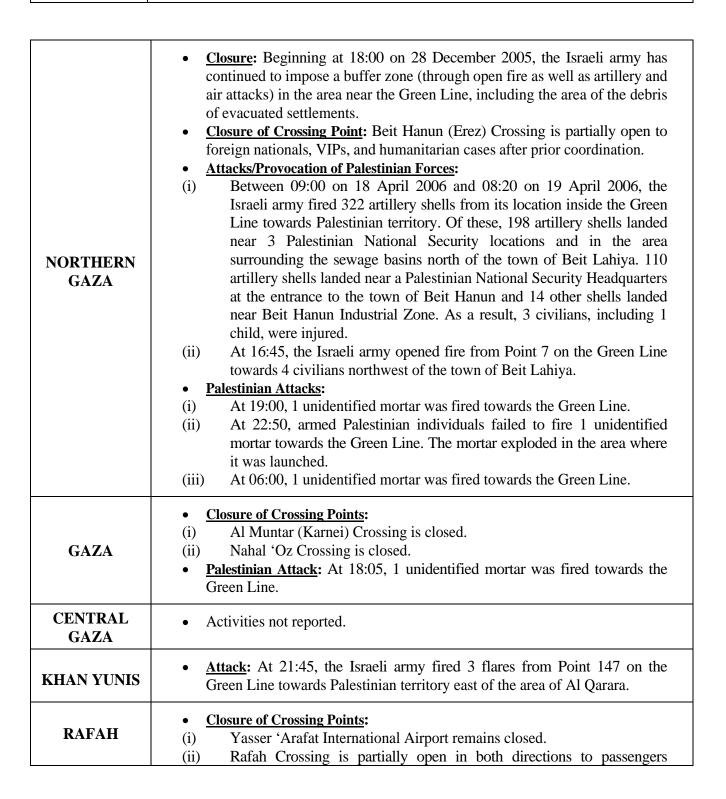
At 04:05 on 18 April 2006, the Israeli army arrested 2 individuals during its raid on the town of Bani Na'im, in addition to those reported yesterday:

- (ii) Mahmoud Hamdan Tarayrah, a Palestinian National Security officer; and
- (iii) Mazen Hussein Abu Zaqqout.
- (iv) At 23:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion on the Hebron-Bethlehem main road arrested Ahmed Ibrahim Jibreel, a Palestinian National Security officer.

#### **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.



- holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.
- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 02:05, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah.

#### **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.