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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 18 April 2007 – 08:00 19 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	3	5	Incl. 2 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	31	2	33	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 5 in Tulkarem
Air Patrols	2	_	2	Incl. troops dispatched by a helicopter
Arrests	24	_	24	Incl. 3 children & 1 female civilian
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. 14 buses transporting school students
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Near the Green Line in Gaza district
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Incl. 1 bricks factory demolished
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	Money from a charity in Jerusalem
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Ramallah
Curfew	1	_	1	Over northern quarters of Huwwara town
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	22	_	22	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	35	_	35	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	2	_	2	2 female civilians beaten in Qalqiliya
Demonstration	1	_	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Hebron
TOTAL	187	11	198	

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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Al Khan al Ahmar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	(ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Beit Hanina and the village of Beit Iksa and impeded civilian access.
	• Raids/Confiscation of Property:
	(i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata and arrested 1 civilian.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and arrested 1 civilian.
	(iii) The Israeli army raided Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, raided the offices of a charitable association, and confiscated a sum of money.
	• Arrests:
	(i) The Israeli army arrested Ala' Bojeh, a female civilian, in the city of Jerusalem, allegedly for locating an explosive belt in her possession.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Suhayb Hussein 'Ilayyan in the town of 'Anata.
	(iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Isma'il 'Ayyad in the town of Abu Dis.
	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western
	entrance to the village of Saffa.
	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road to the village of Ras Karkar.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : 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. Well Construction: Well construction continues in the green west of the town
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : 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.
RAMALLAH	 Flying Checkpoints/Detentions: (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
&	(i) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr 'Ein and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30.
EL BIREH	(ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	the settlement of Halamish and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jilijliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 4 civilians.
	 Raids/House Occupation/Destruction of Property:
	(i) Beginning at 01:30 on 18 April 2007, the Israeli army remained
	positioned in the village of Kafr 'Ein, occupied 1 house, converted it
	into a military post, and withdrew at 10:30.
	(ii) At 10:55, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the
	village of Shuqba and demolished a bricks factory, claiming that it was
	built without the required construction licence.
	(iii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein.
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Air Patrol: At 12:05, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over

the area between the villages of Deir Sudan and Qarawat Bani Zeid.

Arrests: At 02:25 on 08 April 2007, the Israeli army arrested Deifallah 'Amer (i) Mustafa, a university student, during its raid on the village of Kobar. At 11:30, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians (brothers) from the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, while they were in an area inside the Green Line: (ii) 'Imad Nazeeh 'Arar; and Lu'ay Nazeeh 'Arar. (iii) At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned on the junction to the settlement of Rimonim arrested 2 civilians, after having located in their vehicle 2,000 M16 bullets as well as 7,000 pistol bullets: Mohammed Mahmoud Abu Qussay; and (iv) (v) Yaser Mahmoud Abu Fair. 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:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special (i) Israeli permits. Beginning on 29 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to (ii) regulate times to open Al Jalama and Salim Wall gates between 06:30 until 10:00 and 17:00 until 21:00 respectively. **JENIN** Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 5 flying checkpoints: 2 on the junctions to the town of 'Arraba and the village of Al Kufeir; 2 at the entrances to the town of Az Zababida and the village of Kafr Dan; and 1 in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida (i) and the village of 'Aqqaba. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and patrolled the (ii) area until 02:00. (iii) At 04:30, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and patrolled the area until 06:20. 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 **TULKAREM** 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 15:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Air Patrol/Attack:

- (i) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem.
- (ii) At 12:35, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided the area between the town of Bal'a and the village of Al 'Attara, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:25.
- (iii) At 22:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Shufa, patrolled the area, opened fire, and fired sound grenades.
- (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians in the refugee camp. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Tulkarem refugee camp:
- (i) Abdul Lateef Lutfi Milhem; and
- (ii) Rami Adeeb Milhem.

• Closure of Roads:

- (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 entrance to 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.
- Wall Construction: 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.
- Raid/Destruction of Property: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 3 houses, demolished the wall of a house, and withdrew at 06:15.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 16:20, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Gilead severely beat 2 female civilians, while they were travelling to their land:
- (i) Hadiyyeh Hawarneh; and
- (ii) Ammouneh Mohammed as Saddeh.

QALQILIYA

• 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Madama and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attack/Curfew:

- (i) At 17:35, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.
- (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of Balata and 'Askar and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 6 civilians, including 2 children, in the refugee camps and withdrew at 04:50.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Osarin and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew over the town's northern quarters.

Arrests:

- (i) At 17:30, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Bassam Ali Hashash.
- (ii) At 17:40, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested 16-year-old Samer 'Imad Qandeel.

The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in Balata and 'Askar refugee camps in the city of Nablus:

- (iii) Mohammed Waleed Abu Dawoud, 17 years old;
- (iv) Mohammed Nimr as Sahli, 17 years old;
- (v) Ashraf al Afaghani;
- (vi) Ahmed Abdul Rahman Saleh;

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	(vii) Mahmoud Nimr as Sahli; and
	(viii) Na'im al Hathri.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: 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). 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. 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 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 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. Raids: At 08:00, and again at 02:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 02:35. Arrest: At 09:15, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Haytham Ahmed ash Shouli.
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. Checkpoints: 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.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. 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. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the 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.

Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:

- At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the settler (i) bypass road near the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also detained 14 buses transporting school students, who were on school trips, until 11:10.
- (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu and arrested 1 civilian.
- Raids: At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem and Ad Duheisha refugee camp.
- Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' arrested Sameeh Ahmed Sabbah.

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:

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- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following (i) 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.
- 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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Targumiya 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the overpass to the town of Halhul and the other at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 18:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Al Birka east of the town of Yatta.
- (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 02:00 on 18 April 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid into the town of Adh Dhahiriya:
- (i) Mahmoud Hasan Ishneiwer; and
- (ii) Majdi Isma'il at Til.

At 02:15 on 18 April 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid into the town of Idhna, in addition to those reported yesterday:

- (iii) Abdul Hafeth Ahmed ash Shamali; and
- (iv) Basem Farajallah.
- <u>Detentions</u>: At 07:45, the Israeli army detained a number of civilians near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and released them at a later time.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners. Demonstrators demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.

GAZA STRIP

The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy **ALL** opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 3 occasions. The Israeli **DISTRICTS** army also carried out 2 raid into Palestinian territory, during one of which it levelled land. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to **NORTHERN** foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. **GAZA** Attack: At 17:10, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 78 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of Gaza city, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. **GAZA** Raid: At 13:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 96 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and levelled land.

CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Slim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory and property, as follows: At 16:55, the Israeli army opened from the area near Point 207 on the Green Line towards a number of civilians north of Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah. At 19:20, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah. Raid: At 13:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 30 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 236 on the Green Line east of the city of Rafah and withdrew at 13:40. 		

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	 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. 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.
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