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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 20 April 2007 – 08:00 21 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	A Police officer in Kafr Dan village, Jenin
Injuries	2	_	2	2 children in Ramallah and Nablus
Attacks	9	6	15	Incl. 6 in raids & 5 from military posts
Raids	25	2	27	Incl. 7 in Jenin and 5 in Nablus
Air Patrol	1		1	Combat aircraft over Az Zababida, Jenin
Arrests	18		18	Incl. 1 university student & 4 brothers
Detentions	17		17	At checkpoints & in residential locales
House Demolitions	3*		3	Incl. 3 houses demolished in Hebron
Land Levelling		2	2	Near the Green Line east of Gaza city
Destruction of Property	3		3	Incl. 1 water well and trees destroyed
Confiscation of Property	2		2	1 rifle, 1 pistol, and 1 taxi
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a military post in Jenin
Curfew	1		1	Over the town of Huwwara in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21		21	Incl. 5 in Jenin and 8 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
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2		2	Incl. taking position near a Police station
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. fire opened towards an Israeli patrol
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Against the Wall, Ramallah & Bethlehem
TOTAL	164	16	180	

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DISTRICT	EVENT	
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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.	
JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continued to level Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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. 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. Checkpoint: 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: 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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/Confiscation of Property:

(i) The Israeli army raided the village of Hizma, searched 3 houses, arrested 5 civilians, and confiscated a Kalashnikov rifle and a pistol from a house.

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	(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna, raided the offices of the
	village's local council, and arrested 4 civilians.
	• Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the village of Hizma:
	(i) Farouq Mustafa Najeeb;
	(ii) Akram Mustafa Najeeb;
	(iii) Wael Farouq Najeeb;
	(iv) Jarrah Farouq Najeeb; and
	(v) Hamed Sharif al Khatib.
	The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Qatanna:
	(vi) Majdi Isma'il Shamasneh;
	(vii) Muss'ab Saleem Shamasneh;
	(viii) Ja'far Sa'eed al Faqeeh; and
	(ix) Mahmoud Mohammed Taha.
	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.
	• Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the
	checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede
	civilian access.
	• Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in
	the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to
RAMALLAH	Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
&	• Raids/Detentions:
EL BIREH	(i) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and searched 1
	coffee shop, after detaining civilians inside. At 00:25, the Israeli army
	withdrew from the area.
	(ii) At 00:45, Israeli Special Forces raided Al Am'ari refugee camp in the
	city of El Bireh and arrested 1 civilian.
	Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Jamil al Bazzar in Al Am'ari refugee
	camp in the city of El Bireh.
	• <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries</u> : At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including
	international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest
	against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli
	army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. In
	addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas
	inhalation.
	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 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:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- (ii) Beginning on 29 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to regulate times to open Al Jalama and Salim Wall gates between 06:30 until 10:00 and 17:00 until 21:00 respectively.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: near Haddad Tourist Complex east of the city of Jenin; at the entrance to the town of Tubas; and on the junction to the village of 'Ajja. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the settler bypass road east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Sir, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

• Raids/Confiscation of Property/Attacks/House Occupation:

- (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Siris. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army confiscated a taxi.
- (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kashda, patrolled the area, opened fire, and fired flares.
- (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arraba.
- (iv) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida and searched a number of houses, whilst combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the area and fired flares. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- (v) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and the area of Wadi Birqin as well as opened indiscriminate fire. In the area of Wadi Birqin, the Israeli army occupied the roof of a house and converted it into a military post. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (vi) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Dan. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened intensive fire, killing 1 Palestinian Police officer while he was inside his house. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 4 civilians (brothers) and 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Sa'eed 'Aabed, a Palestinian Police officer, in the village of Kafr Dan.

• Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Sir arrested Mohammed Fat'hi Qteit.

The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the village of Kafr Dan:

- (ii) Ziyad Nassfat Naddaf, a Palestinian security officer;
- (iii) Amin Shafe' Salah;
- (iv) Ahmed Shafe' Salah;
- (v) Mahmoud Shafe' Salah; and
- (vi) Mohammed Shafe' Salah.
- House Demolitions: The Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition

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	of 12 houses, 1 basic school, and 1 health centre in the village of Barta'a, claiming that they are located in close proximity to the Wall.
TULKAREM	 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 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. Flving Checkpoints: At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 02:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 17:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Attil.
QALQILIYA	 (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Lid. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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 was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 11:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city), and searched
NABLUS	 <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> (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.

• Raids/Curfew/Palestinian Attack/Attacks/Injury:

- (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqraba.
- (ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew, after Molotov cocktails were thrown at Israeli settler vehicles. At 13:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the town of Beit Furik and surrounded 1 house, claiming that armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. At 21:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iv) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Askar refugee camp. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire in the refugee camp. In addition, the Israeli army searched 1 building as well as a number of houses. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

• 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:

(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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: (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Yasuf and searched 1 house. (ii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and patrolled the area until 00:50.
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. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Mohammed Ahmed ar Razzi, a university student, while he was returning from Jordan.
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 was suspended for the weekend 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 Checkpoint: At 17:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the town of Al Khadr) and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Wadi Fukin. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu'. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

• <u>Demonstration</u>: At 09:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Um Salamuna in protest against Wall construction. Protestors also planted trees on land, which the Israeli army threatens to confiscate.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (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.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

• 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 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.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the area of Yaqin, leading to the town of Bani Na'im.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) On 19 April 2007, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Wadi al Quff road leading to the town of Tarqumiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer.
- (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- (iii) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of 'Abda and Karma and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access until 16:40.
- (v) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the villages of Kharsa and As Sarra and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 23:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Deir Samit and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, took position near the town's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 07:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron, after having demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Quweiwis southeast of the town of Yatta and demolished 3 houses belonging to 3 brothers.
- <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along Wadi al Quff road leading to the town of Tarqumiya arrested Saleh Husni ash Shobaki, a Palestinian Police officer.
- <u>House Demolitions</u>: The Israeli army demolished 3 houses in the village of Quweiwis belonging to:
- (i) Mahmoud Isma'il Abu 'Iram;
- (ii) Ahmed Isma'il Abu 'Iram; and
- (iii) Khalil Isma'il Abu 'Iram.
- <u>Destruction of Property</u>: The Israeli army demolished a water well and uprooted dozens of olive trees in the village of Ar Rakiz east of the town of Yatta.

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 6 occasions. The Israeli **DISTRICTS** army also carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line. <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. At 21:15, the Crossing was completely closed. **NORTHERN** Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the **GAZA** Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 07:15, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards As Sudaniya beach (i) northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.

	 (ii) At 08:10, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 3 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (iii) At 17:15, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 23 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Hanun. Palestinian Attack: At 21:40, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	 Attack: At 11:15, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 71 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Raids/Land Levelling: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, as follows: At 09:10, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 95 on the Green Line east of Gaza city, levelled land, and withdrew at 09:20. At 11:55, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 3 bulldozers, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 100 on the Green Line east of Gaza city, levelled land, and withdrew at 17:45.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Attacks: At 09:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 179 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. At 11:25, the Israeli army opened fire again towards a number of farmers in the area.
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.