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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 01 April 2007 – 08:00 02 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3		3	Taxi drivers beaten in the Nablus district
Attacks	3	3	6	2 in raids & 4 from military posts
Raids	18	2	20	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 3 in Salfit
Arrests	17		17	Incl. 1 Pal. security officer & 2 brothers
Detentions	19		19	Incl. Director of Pal. Intelligence agency
Wall Construction	25		25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2		2	Incl. computers destroyed in Hebron
Confiscation of Property	2		2	2 cellular phones in the Tulkarem district
Closure of Checkpoints	19		19	Incl. 2 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	26		26	Incl. 10 in Jenin and 4 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	34		34	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 2 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	1		1	Attempt to return to evacuated settlements
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2		2	Incl. weapon aimed at a Police officer
Palestinian Attack	1		1	Fire opened towards Israeli troops, Bireh
Pal. Security Measures	8		8	1 illegal vehicle & 7 motorcycles handed
TOTAL	186	11	197	

DISTRICT

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WEST B	ANK		
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. At dawn on 01 April 2007, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure over the West Bank districts due to Jewish holidays. Until 09 April 2007, the Israeli army will prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem. After prior coordination through the DCO, the Israeli army would only allow access to urgent humanitarian cases, international organisations active in the Palestinian Authority-controlled territory, and Christian communities on Christian holidays. 		
JERUSALEM	 Closurg: 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 Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to 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. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoints set up near the village of Jaba' and the settlement of Ramot, thereby impeding civilian access. Wall Gates:		

	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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 Saffa. <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. <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. <u>Flving Checkpoint</u>: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Halamish and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Attack/Palestinian Attack</u>: At 19:20, Israeli troops guarding the Wall south of the city of El Bireh opened fire towards civilian houses in Um ash Sharayit neighbourhood, after armed Palestinian individuals had opened fire towards them. <u>Raids</u>: At 15:10, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 16:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, set up a checkpoint at its northern entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 04:25, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Ghassana, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 23:00. (iv) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, set up a checkpoint at its northern entrance, and searched civilian s well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 05:25, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
JENIN	• <u>Closure of Roads</u> : 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 as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya.

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	heckpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of
	ne town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley,
	xcept for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the
	forthern Jordan Valley.
	Vall 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.
• <u>F</u>	lying Checkpoints:
(i)	At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the villages of Al Mansura and 'Anza and searched civilians and vehicles.
(ii)	At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Az Zababida and Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles.
(iii)	At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 university student.
(iv)	At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.
(v)	At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Haddad Tourist Complex east of the city of Jenin, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
(vi)	At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles.
(vii)	The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and the other at the entrance to town of Birqin, and searched civilians and vehicles.
• <u>R</u>	aids:
(i)	At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the town of As Silat al Harithiya, arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers, and withdrew at 05:30.
(ii)	At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 university student.
	rrests:
(i)	Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance
	to the village of Al Kufeir arrested Mohammed Hasan Abu Bakr.
(ii)	Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint near Haddad Tourist Complex east of the city of Jenin arrested an unidentified civilian.
The I	sraeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of As Silat al Harithiya:
(iii)	Ibrahim Saleh Abu al Kheir;
(iv)	Salah Saleh Abu al Kheir; and
(v)	Sa'eed Abdul Malek Abu al Kheir.
(vi)	The Israeli army arrested Rami Husni Abu Omar in the town of
	Qabatiya.

	• <u>Settler Violence</u> : At 20:00, approximately 400 Israeli settlers gathered near Al Jalama Crossing Point in an attempt to return to the debris of the evacuated settlements of Kadim and Ganim. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the area.
TULKAREM	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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 Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, the road connecting the town of Caff al Labad 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. <u>Flving Checkpoints/Detentions</u>: (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:45. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and withdrew at 21:20. <u>Raid/Detention/Confiscation of Property</u>: At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr al Labad, raided an Internet café, detained civilians inside, and confiscated 2 cellular phones. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.
QALQILIYA	 <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. <u>Wall Gates</u>: 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. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. <u>Flving Checkpoint/Detentions</u>: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and released them at a later time. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle and 7 motorcycles, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

	
	Closure of Main Boads:
	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the impation to the village of Dair Sharef and the settlement of Shavei
	junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei
	Shomron.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern
	entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting
	the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
	<u>Checkpoints/Physical Assaults</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,
NABLUS	only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
	(v) At 11:15, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint and denied
	civilian access in both directions, claiming to be investigating a
	suspicious object. Israeli troops also arrested 1 civilian and
	reopened the checkpoint at 12:05.
	(vi) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint,
	impeded civilian access, detained a number of taxi drivers, and beat
	them. In addition, Israeli troops denied access to civilians between 16
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	and 30 years of age.
	• <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention</u> :
	(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one near the
	village of Deir Sharaf and the other on the junction to the village of
	Beita, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
	(ii) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of
	Al Lubban ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli
	troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also detained the Director of
	the Palestinian Intelligence agency in the district of Salfit and released
	him at 13:10, after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the
	DCO).
	• Raids:
	(i) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Osarin and arrested 1
	civilian.
	(ii) At 03:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir al Hatab and
	searched 1 house.

	• <u>Arrest</u> : The Israeli army arrested Riyadh Bahjat 'Udeili in the village of Osarin.
SALFIT	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: (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 <i>Intifada</i> (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. <u>Checkpoints</u>: (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. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army closed the Za'tara junction checkpoint and reopened it at 11:00. The Israeli army also continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint and to impede civilian access. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:30. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:30. (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Marda and denied civilian access in both directions until 22:00. (iii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilian access in both directions until 22:00.
JERICHO	 <u>Closure</u>: 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 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. <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 18:30, and while an Israeli army patrol was travelling along Road # 60 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja, an Israeli soldier pointed his weapon at a Palestinian Police officer, who was present near a commercial shop in the village.

	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.
•	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of
	Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route
	that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin,
	and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
•	Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property:
	i) At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Sa'ir.
	Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At
	13:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	ii) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, after having
	demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave
	their positions. The Israeli army also searched 1 house and 1 Internet
	café, and destroyed a number of computers in the café. In addition, the
	Israeli army patrolled the area until 04:30.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 3 occasions. The Israeli army also carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory. At dawn on 01 April 2007, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure over the Gaza Strip districts due to Jewish holidays. Until 09 April 2007, the Israeli army will prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line. After prior coordination through the Israeli DCO, the Israeli army would only allow access to urgent humanitarian cases and international organisations active in Palestinian Authority-controlled territory.
NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open. Beginning at 19:05 on 31 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to close the Crossing due to Jewish holidays until further notice. However, access is only allowed to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and vehicles transporting newspapers, mail, and money.
GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Al Muntar (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. <u>Raid</u>: At 23:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli Special Forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 52 on the Green Line and took position in the area west of Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone and withdrew at a later time.

CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 <u>Raid</u>: At 14:30, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, 2 trucks, and 2 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 196 on the Green Line southeast of the area of Khuza'a and combed the area. At 19:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. <u>Attacks</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 17:25, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 147 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area Al Qarara. (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 164 on the Green Line towards a number a number of farmers east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 17:50, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 207 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers north of Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.