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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 05 April 2007 – 08:00 06 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	1	2	Incl. 1 female civilian of injuries sustained
Injury	_	1	1	1 in the district of Northern Gaza
Attacks	14	3	17	Incl. 5 in raids & 5 from military posts
Raids	29	1	30	Incl. 8 in Jenin and 5 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrols	3		3	Over the cities of El Bireh and Jericho
Arrests	9	2	11	Incl. 1 injured civilian in Northern Gaza
Detentions	20		20	Incl. 3 children & 2 Pal. security officers
Wall Construction	25		25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1		1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Curfew	1		1	Over a neighbourhood Tulkarem RC
Closure of Checkpoints	15		15	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18		18	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 8 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	33		33	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 4 in Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points		3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Attack on Religious Sites	1		1	Ibrahimi Mosque closed in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3		3	Incl. taking position near security posts
Palestinian Attack		1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	180	12	192	

DISTRICT

EVENT

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. Beginning at dawn on 01 April 2007, the Israeli army has continued to impose 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.
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JERUSALEM	 <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 Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: (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 close the Vall gate a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. <u>Wall Gates</u>:

	 <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. <u>Attack</u>: At 04:00, Israeli troops positioned at Bir Nabala checkpoint opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares over the area surrounding the checkpoint.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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 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. Flving Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. Attacks: (i) At 16:50, Israeli troops guarding the Wall south of the city of El Bireh fired sound and tear gas grenades towards a number of young civilians, ostensibly for throwing stones. (ii) At 06:30, Israeli troops positioned at 'Ofar military post opened indiscriminate fire towards the town of Beituniya. Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, raided 1 hotel, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of El Bireh, including Murad Nasser ash Shawamreh. Air Patrol: At 01:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of El Bireh. Detention: At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara detained Hussein 'Amer 'Atallah, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, and released him at a later time.
JENIN	 <u>Closure of Road</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. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.

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	• <u>Wall Gates</u> :
	(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>Flying Checkpoints</u> :
	(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints: one near As Sa'ada forest at the western entrance to the city of Jenin and other on the junction to the town of 'Arraba, and searched civilians and civilian.
	(ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the village of Al Kufeir and the other in the area between the villages of Siris and Al Far'a, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints, 1 near As Sa'ada forest at the western entrance to the city Jenin; 1 on junction to the town of 'Arraba, and 2 at the entrances to the villages of Al Kufeir and Az Zawiya. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched
	civilians and vehicles.
	• <u>Raids/Attack</u> :
	(i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az
	Zababida.
	(ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun.
	(iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Tayasir.
	(iv) At 04:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin,
	patrolled the area, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 05:30.
	 <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 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).
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	special Israeli permits.
	<u>Flying Checkpoints</u> :
	(i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Curfew/Detention/Attack:
	(i) Beginning at 22:40 on 04 April 2007, the Israeli army remained
	positioned in the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. The
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	 Israeli army also took position in front of <i>Al Muqata'a</i> (the complex of Palestinian security agencies) and Palestinian Police Headquarters and patrolled the area. At 10:25, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, pursued a civilian vehicle, and arrested 2 civilians. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeaps, raided the city of Complex of Com
	 (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. The Israeli army also imposed curfew over a neighbourhood in the refugee camp, searched 1 house, detained 1 civilian, and released him at a later time. (iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and fired
	flares, while patrolling the area.
	(v) At 22:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Bal'a
	and patrolled the area.(vi) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir al
	Ghusun.
	• <u>Arrests</u> :
	(i) At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint arrested Mu'tassem Ibrahim Tahouneh.
	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of
	Tulkarem:
	(ii) Hasan Mubarak; and(iii) Ahmed Abu 'Aabed.
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	 (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</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. (v) At 08:40, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint
	set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and denied access to children and their mothers. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed children and their mothers to cross.
	 Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Huwwara and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attacks/House Occupation:
	 (i) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Salim.
	 (iii) At 21:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir al Hatab. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.
	 (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Askar refugee camp. In the city, the Israeli army occupied 1 building and converted it into a military post. While patrolling the refugee camp, an armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. <u>Arrests</u>: At 11:35, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up in the
	area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya arrested 2 unidentified civilians.
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).

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	 (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) 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 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.
	 <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 08:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Iskaka. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 13:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
JERICHO	 <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of A1 '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 A1 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Attack/Detention</u>: At 19:50, the Israeli army opened fire towards a civilian truck in the area of Prophet Moses Shrine south of the city of Jericho, killing the driver. In addition, the Israeli army detained 5 civilians, who were in the truck, and released them at a later time. <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed 'Aziz Hamed al Mutawwar in the area of Prophet Moses Shrine south of the city and patrolled the area until 04:00. <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 04:00, Israeli army raided the village of A1 'Auja and patrolled the skies over the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	• <u>Closure</u> : 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.

	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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. <u>Raids</u>: (i) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was
	 patrolling the area. (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem and the town of Al Khadr. <u>Detention/Confiscation of Property</u>: On 04 April 2007, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint detained Mohammed Ibrahim Hneihen, a Palestinian security officer, and released him later, after having confiscated his ID card.
HEBRON	 <u>Closure</u>: 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.
	 (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.

• <u>Wall Construction</u> : 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:
(i) At 13:00, 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 set up 3 checkpoints, searched
civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
(ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and arrested 1 civilian.
• Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Theeb Hawamdeh in the
town of As Samoa'.
• Detentions: At 11:00, the Israeli army detained 3 children, while they were
present on the roof of their house, in the old city of Hebron and released
them at 13:15.
• <u>Attack on Religious Site</u> : Beginning at 08:00 on 05 April 2007, and for the
2 nd consecutive day, the Israeli army has continued to close the Ibrahimi
Mosque in the old city of Hebron and to deny access to worshippers,
claiming to be celebrating Jewish holidays.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army, navy, and air force opened fire on 3 occasions. The Israeli army also carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 injured civilian. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 1 mortar towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched. Beginning at dawn on 01 April 2007, the Israeli army has continued to impose 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. <u>Death</u>: At 09:00, Tahreer Abu al Jidyan, a 19-year-old female civilian, died of critical injuries sustained during an Israeli army's incursion into the district of Northern Gaza in 2004.

	 <u>Attack/Air Patrol</u>: At 17:25, Israeli combat helicopters patrolling the skies over the sea opposite the beach of the town of Beit Lahiya opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. <u>Raid/Attack/Injury</u>: At 21:55, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory near Point 4 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya and opened fire, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army also arrested the injured civilian. <u>Arrests</u>: (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army arrested Majdi Riyadh Yaseen east of the town of Beit Hanun, while he was attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Bilal 'Ata an Najjar, an injured civilian, north of the town of Beit Lahiya. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 20:00, in an attempt to violate the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals failed to fire 1 mortar towards the Green Line as it exploded in the area from which it was launched.
GAZA	Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is open. From 09:00 until 17:45, the Crossing was open in both directions. Sufa Crossing is closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 20:10, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.