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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 08 April 2007 – 08:00 09 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2		2	Incl. a medic beaten at a checkpoint, Jenin
Injury	2		2	2 children in Ramallah and Hebron
Attacks	10	4	14	Incl. 8 in raids & 5 from military posts
Raids	29	1	30	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 7 in Nablus
Arrests	4		4	Incl. 2 children & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	25	_	25	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Near the Green Line in Central Gaza
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Incl. agricultural crops damaged in Jenin
Confiscation of Property	2	_	2	Personal photographs and a CD
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into military posts in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	27	_	27	Incl. 9 in Jenin and 7 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	34	_	34	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	An ambulance detained in Jenin district
Settler Violence	2	_	2	3 pupils beaten & their books torn apart
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. fire opened towards a checkpoint
Pal. Security Measures	3	_	3	2 illegal vehicles and 1 motorcycle handed
TOTAL	194	12	206	

DISTRICT	EVENT

WEST BANK

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.

• <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.

• 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.

JERUSALEM

	 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. Raid/Attack: At 19:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area surrounding Qalandiya refugee camp. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire at the entrance to the refugee camp. At 20:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, 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. Attack/Injury: At 18:30, Israeli troops guarding the Wall south of the city
	of El Bireh opened fire and fired sound grenades towards a number of young civilians, ostensibly for throwing stones. As a result, a child sustained live bullet wounds. • Raids/Confiscation of Property/Detentions:
	(i) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area until 17:00.
	(ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and detained as well as interrogated residents. The Israeli army also confiscated a number of personal photographs from the house. At 03:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	(iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
	Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Majed Abdul Fattah Daghrah, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the village of Kafr 'Ein.
	• <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.
JENIN	• <u>Checkpoint/Destruction of Property</u> : At 11:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and denied civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also detained trucks transporting agricultural crops for several hours, causing damage to the crops.

• 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/Attack/Medical Obstruction/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Wadi Hasan near the town of Al Yamun and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also opened fire in response to fire opened by armed Palestinian individuals.
- (iii) The Israeli army set up 6 flying checkpoints: 1 near As Sa'ada forest along the settler bypass road east of the city of Jenin; 2 on the junctions to the town of 'Arraba and the village of Az Zawiya; 1 in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya; and 2 at the entrances to the villages of Kafr Dan and Al Kufeir. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles and impeded civilian access.
- (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr Ra'i, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained an ambulance, while it was transporting an ill civilian to hospital. Israeli troops also broke the ambulance mirror and beat a medic.

• Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of As Silat al Harithiya and opened fire, while searching a house. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 22:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Dan.

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.
- 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.
- <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>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids: At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. (i) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. (ii) **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural (i) roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Kafr Laqif. **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. Flying Checkpoints/Detentions: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern (ii) **QALQILIYA** entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at entrance to the (iii) eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of civilians. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Jit and searched civilian civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack: At 12:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Jayyus and the (i) village of Kafr Jammal and patrolled the area. At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of (ii) 'Azzun. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 23:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Jit and patrolled (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. (iv) Palestinian Security Measure: Palestinian security forces handed over 2 illegal vehicles and 1 motorcycle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the (i) junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei **NABLUS** Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern (ii) 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 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

• Raids/House Occupations/Attacks:

- (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp. In the city, the Israeli army occupied 2 buildings and converted them into military posts. While patrolling the refugee camp, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the city and refugee camp again. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the refugee camp. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time.
- (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bizzariya.
- (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Urif and searched 1 house.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Osarin. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired tear gas grenades.

• 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.

SALFIT

	 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00 on 08 April 2007, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles. At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin.
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. At 17:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access.
ВЕТНІЕНЕМ	 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. 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. Flving Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Wadi an Nar road connecting the town of Al 'Ubeidiya to the village of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At dawn on 08 April 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. An Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah and patrolled the area. An Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Tuqu': Mohammed Naji Sabbah, 17 years old; and Muneer Jamal 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.
- (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) At 11:30, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades Wadi al Quff road leading to the town of Tarqumiya.
- <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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 07:00 on 08 April 2007, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil and withdrew at 13:00.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and denied civilian access in both direction.
- (iv) At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

HEBRON

- Attack/Arrest/Detentions/Confiscation of Property: At 12:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards and injured 17-year-old Hashem Mohammed Abu Sneineh, after he stabbed 2 Israeli soldiers near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army also arrested Abu Sneineh. At 18:10, the Israeli army raided a house belonging to Abu Sneineh' father in the old city of Hebron and interrogated residents, after detaining them outside. In addition, the Israeli army confiscated a CD from the house.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: Israeli troops severely beat Khalil Mahmoud Faraj Allah near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions. At 18:00, Faraj Allah was admitted to Hebron Public Hospital for medical treatment.

• Raids:

- (i) At 07:00 on 08 April 2007, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints along 'Ein Sara Street as well as near Hebron University, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 18:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on beat 3 pupils at a school in the village of Um Tuba east of the town of Yatta, leaving them with contusions. In addition, Israeli settlers tore apart the pupils' school books.

GAZA STRIP

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 4 occasions. In addition, the Israeli army carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched. **ALL** Beginning at dawn on 01 April 2007, the Israeli army has continued to DISTRICTS 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. Closure of Crossing Point: 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, **NORTHERN** access is only allowed to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and vehicles **GAZA** transporting newspapers, mail, and money. At 17:00, the Israeli army closed the Crossing completely and announced that it be open at 09:00 on 09 April 2007.

	 Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 10:15, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 15:50, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya. Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars, as follows: At 15:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 21:40, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, but exploded in the area from which it was launched. 	
GAZA	Activities not reported.	
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attack: At 21:10, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares from the area near Point 117 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Raid/Land Levelling: At 08:10, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 131 on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah, levelled land, and withdrew at 09:15. 	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. 	