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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 15 April 2010 – 08:00 16 April 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death		1	1	An armed Palestinian individual, Gaza
Physical Assault	1		1	A civilian severely beaten, Bethlehem
Injury	_	1	1	An armed Palestinian individual, Gaza
Air Attack	_	1	1	By combat helicopters on Gaza
Attacks	1	5	6	Incl. 2 in raids and 3 from mil. posts
Raids	15	1	16	Incl. 5 in Nablus and 1 in Gaza
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By reconnaissance and helicopters, Gaza
Arrests (per person)	15	_	15	Incl. a female civilian and 2 sec. officers
Detentions	14		14	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	22	_	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Incl. irrigation networks damaged
Confiscation of Property	7		7	Incl. bulldozers & hydraulic excavators
Closure of Checkpoints	12		12	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	20		20	Incl. 8 in Qalqiliya and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. the city of Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settler Violence	3		3	Incl. a civilian run over in Hebron
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	5	_	5	In solidarity with political prisoners
TOTAL	165	15	180	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Agsa Mosque compound.
- (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) Beginning on 11 April 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem and to deny civilian access between 23:00 and 05:00. Claiming to be carrying out infrastructure works between the checkpoint and the road leading to Shu'fat refugee camp, the checkpoint will be closed for two and a half weeks.
- Raid: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ijza, searched a house, and arrested a Palestinian Police officer.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Murad Abdul Kareem Mahmoud Salem, a Palestinian Police officer, in the village of Beit Ijza.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: On 15 April 2010, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons and in protest against seizure of civilian houses.

• Wall Gates:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.

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	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. <u>Raid/Confiscation/Destruction of Property</u>: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Wadi al Malih in the area of the Northern Jordan Valley, confiscated 3 water pumps, and destroyed irrigation networks.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. At 20:50, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and denied civilian access until 22:10. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raid: At 01:15, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp in the city of Tulkarem and searched 2 houses. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 09:15, and again at 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint (i) at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles (ii) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between (iii) the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Lagif and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of 'Izbat at Tabib on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (vi) the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. (vii) At 22:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Elyas on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched **QALQILYA** civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 1 civilian. Arrest: At 13:45, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the Green Line south of the city of Qalqiliya arrested Muna Rizq Qassas, a female civilian, allegedly because she had attempted to access Israel with a counterfeited permit. The Israeli army arrested Qussay Hamzeh Hussein in the town of (ii) **Settler Violence:** At 02:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the village of Jinsafut, set fire to 2 civilian vehicles, and wrote Anti-Arab slogans on a civilian house wall. **Wall Gates:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. At 08:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Wall gate to (ii)the village of Ras 'Atiya and thoroughly searched female civilians. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00.
- (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Dajan, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Rujeib and arrested 2 civilians.
- (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Duma, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (v) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Salem and arrested 2 civilians
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 20:45, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 1 children and 2 Palestinian security officers:
- (i) Mohammed Omar Nabhan, 16 years old;
- (ii) Thabet Mohammed Ja'aysah, a Palestinian Presidential Guard officer; and
- (iii) Ala' Mohammed Ali Abu Habib, a Palestinian National Security officer.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Suhayb Radhwan Abu Thabet in the village of Beit Dajan.
- (v) The Israeli army arrested Jihad Nasser al Hawwari in the town of Huwwara.

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	 The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Rujeib: (vi) Iyad Mohammed Abdullah Dweikat; and (vii) Abdul Kareem Majed al Halabi. (viii) The Israeli army arrested 'Ubadah Khaled Mohammed Dawabsheh in the village of Duma. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Salem: (ix) Omar Khaled 'Awwad; and (x) Yihya Mohammed Ahmed Jubour. • Settler Violence: At 12:20, a group of Israeli settlers on horsebacks gained access into and travelled around the village of Yanun. • Demonstration: At 10:30, a mass sit-in demonstration took place in front of the ICRC offices in the city of Nablus in solidarity with political prisoners. Participants demanded that prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Raid: At 08:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Biddya. Detention: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Jihad Jamal Abdul Rahman Jum'AL-HAQ, a Palestinian Presidential Guard officer, and released him at 13:50 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). 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 Ariel.
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 at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.

Flying Checkpoints:

- At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern (i) entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilian vehicles. At 19:45, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:10.
- At 22:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat (ii) road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Demonstration:** At 11:00, a mass sit-in demonstration took place in front of the ICRC offices in the city of Jericho in solidarity with political prisoners. Participants demanded that prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.

Closure:

- The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of (i) An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.
- According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has (ii) continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriva in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.
- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a.
- Checkpoint: At 09:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Contianer') and impeded civilian access.
- Physical Assault: At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint severely beat Hamed Joudeh Maswadeh, a resident of the city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Maswadeh was transported to hospital for medical treatment.

Raids/Confiscation of Property/Detentions:

- At 09:25, the Israeli army raided the area of Khallet Hajja near the town of Beit Fajjar, raided stone processing factories, and confiscated bulldozers and hydraulic excavators belonging to:
- Kifah Shihdeh Thawabteh; and (ii)
- (iii) Navef Janazreh.
- At dawn on 16 April 2010, the Israeli army raided the area of Al (iv) Ma'sara and searched 1 house, after detaining residents outside. The Israeli army also threatened to arrest Mohammed Brijiyyeh, Coordinator of the Popular Campaign against the Wall, in case he continues to organise the weakly demonstration against Wall construction.
- Arrest: At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint arrested Tareq Ahmed an Najjar, a Palestinian National Security officer.

BETHLEHEM

- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 11:15, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over Bilal 'Atallah Abu Juheisheh near the junction to the town of Beit Ummar, leaving him with contusion. As a result, Abu Juheisheh was admitted to hospital.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in solidarity with political prisoners. Participants demanded that prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.

• 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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.

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• Raids/Attack:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and opened indiscriminate fire, allegedly because a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at an Israeli settler vehicle.
- (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and searched a number of houses.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Khalil Ibrahim al 'Awadhi in the city of Hebron
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 12:00, a mass sit-in demonstration took place in front of the ICRC offices in the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners. Participants demanded that prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

(ii)

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. **Violations of the Ceasefire:** ALL The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, opened fire, and fired tank (i) DISTRICTS shells towards civilian houses and property in the district of Gaza. Following an armed confrontation with Palestinian individuals, Israeli combat helicopters fired missiles on Palestinian territory. The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the districts of Rafah. As a result, the Israeli army

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed.

killed an armed Palestinian individual and injured another.

Armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.

	 (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Air Attack/Injury: At 06:30, the Israeli army, including several tanks and armoured vehicles covered by reconnaissance aircraft and combat helicopters, raided Palestinian territory east of Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood. Meanwhile, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and troops positioned on the Green Line fired a number of tank shells towards Palestinian territory. Following an armed confrontation with armed Palestinian individuals near the Border Fence, an Israeli combat helicopter fired 1 missile and opened machinegun fire towards agricultural land and civilian houses, killing 1 armed Palestinian individual and injuring another. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Jum'ah Saleem east of Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 15 April 2010, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel allocated to the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas. A truckload of flowers was also allowed to be transported through the Crossing. Attack: In the afternoon of 15 April 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land and civilian houses in the area surrounding Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing Point east of the city of Rafah.