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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 31 March 2011 – 08:00 01 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	7	—	7	Incl. 4 civilians beaten inside Israel
Injury	—	1	1	A civilian in Rafah district
Attacks	2	4	6	Incl. 1 in a raid and 3 from mil. posts
Raids	11	1	12	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 4 in Tulkarem
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Rafah
Arrests (per person)	12	—	12	Incl. 4 in Jericho and 5 in Bethlehem
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Rafah district
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	5	—	5	Incl. commercial premises damaged
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. a checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	46	—	46	Throughout the West Bank districts
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settler Violence	7	—	7	Incl. civilians expelled from their land
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	153	13	166	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. (i) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikxa villages. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Bared from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikxa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • <u>Arrest/Physical Assault:</u> On 31 March 2011, Israeli troops arrested Yazan Farouq al Qara’in in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. While raiding and searching his house, Israeli troops severely beat Al Qara’in. Israeli troops also served a summons Al Qara’in’s brother, Mohammed, to report to Israeli Intelligence officers at the Al Muscobiya (the ‘Russian Compound’) Detention and Interrogation Centre. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za’ayyem village; and in Wadi al ‘Eizariya west of Ma’ale Adumim settlement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and ‘Ein Samiya villages.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village. • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Detentions:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to An Nabi Salih village, searched civilian vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and released at a later time. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided El Bireh city and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Saffa village. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed ar Rayyan in El Bireh city. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area west of ‘Abud town in the area surrounding ‘Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades a detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 01:30, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at ‘Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road, denied civilian access, and reopened it at 04:00. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarem city and Far’un village. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided Deir al Ghusun town and patrolled the area until 11:30. (iii) At 21:25, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp in Tulkarem city, searched a house, and withdrew at 23:20. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 13:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to ‘Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near ‘Azzun town on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Physical Assault: At 08:15, Israeli troops severely beat ‘Issam Mahmoud Suleiman, a resident of ‘Asla village, near Alfei Menashe settlement, leaving him with contusions. Suleiman was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • Raid: At 16:20, the Israeli army raided Immatin village and raided an internet cafe. • Settler Violence: At 16:35, a group of Israeli settlers assaulted Shaher Mohammed al Khatib while he was present on his land near Far’ata village. Subsequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras ‘Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma’ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma’in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <p>(i) At 13:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sabastiya village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and Talluza village and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained Ahmed Farid Abu Shihadeh, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at 23:10, after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).</p> <p>(iii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) At 01:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Physical Assaults:</u> Israeli troops severely beat four residents of 'Aqraba town while they were present inside the Green Line. At 12:10, all four civilians were admitted to the Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Trad Basem Hamdan; (ii) Qutaybah Nassri Bani Fadhil; (iii) Mu'ayyad Fozan Diriyeh; and (iv) Baseem Basem Bani Fadhil. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <p>(i) At 16:50, a group of Israeli settlers, under protection of the Israeli army, expelled civilians from their farmland east of Burin village.</p> <p>(ii) At 22:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near the junction to Shavei Shomron settlement along the Nablus-Jenin main road.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to two detour roads connecting Marda village to its respective farmland.</p> <p>(iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years.</p> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Haris village and patrolled the area until 11:30. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided Bruqin town, set up a checkpoint at its southern entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 16:35. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilian vehicles. • Arrests: At 01:20 on 31 March 2011, the Israeli army arrested four civilians during its raid into Jericho city and 'Ein as Sultan refugee camp, as was reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Ahmed 'Odeh Ka'abneh; (ii) Ahmed Jibreel ad Damanhour; (iii) Nabil 'Odeh al Khatib; and (iv) Younes Mustafa Ahmed al Ka'abneh.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) According to Military Order # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07. (iii) Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. • Flying Checkpoints/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Deir Salah village at the eastern entrance to Beit Sahur village, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested a civilian. (iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Husan village, searched civilian vehicles, detained five civilians, and released them at 19:05. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Ar Rashayida village, arrested a civilian, and withdrew at 12:20. (ii) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided Husan village and arrested two civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 31 March 2011, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ali Ibrahim 'Asakreh, a resident of Al 'Asakira village, while he was travelling to visit his brother in an Israeli prison. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near Dar Salah village arrested 'Ahed Ibrahim Abu Subeih. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Mohammed Mahmoud ar Rashaydeh in Ar Rashayida village. <p>The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Husan village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Ramzi 'Imad Yabes; and (v) Mohammed Khalil 'Atiyyeh Shousheh. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S on the closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages. (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 all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. (iv) Beginning at 08:00 on 24 March 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades detour roads leading to Beit Ummar town.

- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Adh Dhahiriya town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 15:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iv) At 07:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Andalus bazaar in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Attacks/Destruction of Property:**
 - (i) At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to Al ‘Arrub refugee camp fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. Israeli troops also raided a commercial premise, damaged its contents, and withdrew at 19:10.
 - (ii) At 21:00, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets on civilians near the entrance to Beit Kahil town, ostensibly for throwing stones.
- **Physical Assault/Destruction of Property:** At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to Beit Ummar town severely beat Waddah Ihreizat and broke the windshield of his taxi.
- **Arrest:** At 11:00, the Israeli army arrested ‘Imad Abdul ‘Aziz Khallaf, a resident of Rabud village, while he was present near Otniel settlement.
- **Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:**
 - (i) At 09:45, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones and burning plastic at civilians along Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron, setting fire to shop canopies.
 - (ii) At 18:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at a commercial premise in Jaber neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, damaging its contents.
 - (iii) At 18:35, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road near the junction Adh Dhahiriya town, breaking the windshield of a vehicle belonging to Bashir al Jabarin.
 - (iv) At 20:10, a group of Israeli settlers from Otniel settlement threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near the settlement.
- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The ceasefire continues to hold. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilians and property in Gaza and Rafah districts. Israeli troops opened fire from its location on the Green Line, injuring a civilian in Rafah district. (ii) Armed Palestinian groups fired a mortar towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening of 31 March 2011, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. • <u>Attack:</u> At noon on 31 March 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilian houses and property east of Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood east of Gaza city.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, patients, students, and civilians holding visas and residence cards abroad to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to patients, who had received medical attentions at Egyptian hospitals.

	<p>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</p> <p>(iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 21 vehicles imported by the private sector, 38 truckloads of animal feed were transported to the Gaza Strip. One truckload of flowers was also exported through the Crossing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks/Injury:</u> <p>(i) At noon on 31 March 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilians taking part in a peaceful demonstration on the occasion of the Day of Earth. Participants were planting trees on land within the Seam Zone, which the Israeli army imposes along the Border Fence east of Rafah city.</p> <p>(ii) In the evening of 31 March 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on the area surrounding Yasser Arafat International Airport east of Rafah city, injuring a civilian.</p> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the afternoon of 31 March 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozer covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Rafah city. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire on civilian houses and property.
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<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Imprisonment Extension:</u> An Israeli military court extended for six months and for the fourth consecutive times an order of administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against Hana' Yihya ash Shalabi, a female political prisoner from Jenin city.
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