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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 01 April 2006 – 08:00 02 April 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. 2 workers sustained bone fractures
Injuries	2	—	2	Incl. 1 TIPH observer in Hebron
Attacks	4	7	11	Incl. 127 artillery shells fired
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. 6 in Tulkarem & 5 in Bethlehem
Arrests	4	—	4	Incl. 1 security officer & 1 student
Detentions	12	1	13	Incl. near the Green Line in N. Gaza
Wall Construction	31	—	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	—	2	2	Incl. an electricity network damaged
House Occupations	2	—	2	Converted into military posts in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	5	—	5	Incl. Tayasir & Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 6 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. the city of Jerusalem partially
Closure of Main Roads	34	—	34	Incl. Qalqiliya-Nablus main road
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. 1 elderly civilian beaten, Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	7	7	Incl. shelling near Pal. security posts
Palestinian Attacks	1	4	5	Incl. 9 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	139	27	166	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts. The Israeli army has prevented civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem, only allowing VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination.
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint, after having announced that it would be converted into a border crossing point beginning on 27 March 2006. The Israeli army, however, postponed the conversion of the checkpoint until a later time. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iksa checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in the town of Ar Ram and searched civilians and vehicles.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Lubban al Gharbi with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on ‘Uyun al Haramiya junction on the Ramallah-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:30 on 01 April 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Abud and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Hussein as Sabteh, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of ‘Abud. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 02:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Psagot. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire, fired flares, raided the city of El Bireh, and patrolled the area.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Fahma with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far’un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the following locales: the town of Bal’a and Dahiyat Iktaba; Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and the town of Kafr al Labad; Dahiyat Dhinnaba and the village of ‘Izbat Abu Khamish; the town of Kafr al Labad and the village of Shufa; the towns of Deir al Ghusun and ‘Attil; and the towns of Deir al Ghusun and Bal’a. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village Kur with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:10, the Israeli army closed with cement blocks the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem (‘Einav checkpoint) on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem (Jubara checkpoint) and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints in the area between the towns of ‘Anabta and Bal’a and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Far’un and patrolled the area. (ii) At 11:40, and again at 17:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 04:00.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> At 22:30, the Israeli army closed the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road in the area between the town of ‘Azzun and the settlement of Kedumim following a suicide attack that was carried out near the settlement of Kedumim. The Israeli army also closed Wadi Qana road that connects the district of Qalqiliya to the districts of Salfit and Ramallah. The Israeli army prevented civilians from travelling along these roads for a period of 4 days. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.
NABLUS	<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 main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus and connects the city to the district of Jenin. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 04:00. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the city of Nablus. • <u>Detention:</u> At 20:35, the Israeli army detained 3 civilians near the town of Beit Furik and released them at a later time. • <u>Settler Violence/Physical Assault:</u> At 17:45, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Alon Moreh severely beat 60-year-old Saber Shtayyeh, while he was present on his land in the village of Salem.
SALFIT	<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 main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 17:50. • <u>Attack/Physical Assault:</u> At 21:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section in the vicinity of the village of Rafat opened fire towards a number of Palestinian workers, injuring 1 worker who was then transported to an Israeli hospital. While they were fleeing, 2 other workers fell and sustained bone fractures, after which they were admitted to Ramallah Public Hospital.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army intensified the closure imposed over the district of Jericho. Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja continues to be closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem ID holders. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus with dirt barricades.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk (the northern entrance to the city of Jericho) on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis.</p>
<p>BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • 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 was resumed north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of Za'tara and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:50. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur. (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah. (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala and searched a number of houses. • Arrest: On 29 March 2006, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed Mahmoud ar Rashaydeh, a university student, in the area of 'Arab ar Rashayida.
<p>HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.

- **Closure of Main Roads:**

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades 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, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.

- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was resumed west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.

- **Flying Checkpoints:**

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Bir al Mahjar road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (iii) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 35 leading to Tarqumiya Crossing and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids:**

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints in the areas of Ras al Jora and Wadi al Hariya, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

- **House Occupations/Detentions:**

- (i) At 15:00 on 31 March 2006, the Israeli army occupied 1 house belonging to Mohammed 'Amer ar Raba'i in the area of Kanar near the town of Dura and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room. At 23:00 on 01 April 2006, the Israeli army withdrew from the house.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army occupied 1 house belonging to Nael Zeitoun in the area of Suq al Laban in the old city of Hebron and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room.

- **Settler Violence:**

- (i) At 12:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at female students from Qurtuba Girls School in the old city of Hebron, injuring 1 international female observer while she was present with the female students. The observer refused to receive medical treatment at an Israeli hospital and went to a Palestinian hospital in the city of Hebron.
- (ii) A group of Israeli settlers threw stones and empty bottles at civilians and civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Wadi an Nasara in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property/Detention: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Between 09:00 and 10:45, the Israeli army fired 22 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 2 Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) Between 09:00 and 10:45, Israeli naval boats fired 7 shells towards Palestinian territory near 2 Palestinian National Security locations northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (iii) At 11:00, Israeli naval boats fired several shells towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, which caused damage to the electricity network and resulted in an electricity cut-off in the area. (iv) At 15:35, the Israeli army opened fire towards and detained 3 civilians, who had raised white flags while attempting to recover a calf that had escaped from a farm for calves towards the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya. The calf was killed during the attack. (v) Between 12:50 and 15:50, the Israeli army fired 40 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (vi) Between 15:50 and 17:50, the Israeli army fired 27 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. A Palestinian National Security location was damaged during the attacks. (vii) Between 17:50 and 21:00, the Israeli army fired 38 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 09:00, Israeli authorities refused a request (through the DCO) by Palestinian authorities to carry out a shift rotation for Palestinian security forces positioned at their locations in the northern area of the district of Northern Gaza as well as to coordinate for maintenance workers from the Palestinian Electricity Company to repair a breakdown in the electricity network in the area. (The Israeli authorities consider the area to be vacant and, hence, empty of Palestinian security forces). • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:40, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 13:40, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 16:45, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the air. (iv) At 22:10, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<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 Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karem Shalom Crossing is closed.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10,406. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 5,223. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.
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