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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 02 April 2007 – 08:00 03 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian beaten at Huwwara checkpoint
Injuries	2	—	2	Incl. 1 armed individual in Nablus city
Attacks	4	—	4	During raids into Pal. residential locales
Raids	18	2	20	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 6 in Nablus
Arrests	9	—	9	Incl. 2 civilians on Allenby Bridge, Jericho
Detentions	16	—	16	Incl. 7 Palestinian security officers
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Near the Green Line east of Gaza city
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Balata RC
Closure of Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	31	—	31	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 10 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	34	—	34	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 2 in Bethlehem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against closing Shuhada' Street, Hebron
TOTAL	140	7	147	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. • Beginning at dawn on 01 April 2007, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the West Bank districts due to Jewish holidays. Until 09 April 2007, the Israeli army will prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem. After prior coordination through the DCO, the Israeli army would only allow access to urgent humanitarian cases, international organisations active in the Palestinian Authority-controlled territory, and Christian communities on Christian holidays.
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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<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. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared 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 Bared 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. • Checkpoint: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Due to Jewish holidays, Wall construction was suspended in Dahiyat al Bareded, 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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: At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara and impeded civilian access. • Wall Construction: Due to Jewish holidays, Wall construction was suspended 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 Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Liqya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched civilians and vehicles, and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • Raids/Attack: At 11:20, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and searched a number of houses. At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 19:55, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city for the third time and opened fire, while pursuing a civilian vehicles which fled. At 01:25, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city for the forth time, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 02:45.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: 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 as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, one near As Sa'ada forest and the others on the junctions to the villages of Zububa and Al Kufeir, and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: 1 on the junction to the town of 'Arraba; 1 in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya; and 2 near the villages of Al Kufeir and 'Ajja. In addition to searching civilians and vehicles, Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Al Kufeir arrested 2 civilians (brothers).</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: in the area between the town of Tayasir and the village of Al 'Aqaba; between the villages of Sir and Al Jadida; and between the villages of Siris and Al Far'a. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <p>(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and searched 1 house as well as Al Quds Bank for Development.</p> <p>(ii) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided Jenin refugee camp, patrolled the area, opened intensive fire, and withdrew at 07:00.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Al Kufeir arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Thamin Mahmoud Hanaysheh; and (ii) Yousef Mahmoud Hanaysheh.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:</u> <p>(i) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:25.</p> <p>(ii) At 07:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • <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> Due to Jewish holidays, land levelling for Wall construction was suspended in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: at the northern entrance to the town of ‘Azzun; on the junction to the village of Jit; and at the entrance to the village of Hajja. In addition to searching civilians and vehicles, Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Jit detained 7 Palestinian National Security officers and released them at 15:30, after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and searched 1 house. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir al Hatab and searched 1 house, after detaining residents outside.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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 Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<p>(v) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint, impeded civilian access, and arrested 2 civilians. In addition, Israeli troops denied access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Sharaf, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Physical Assault:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint severely beat Saed Mahmoud Hmeid, leaving him with contusions. • <u>Raids/House Occupation/Attack/Injuries:</u> <p>(i) At 14:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma' and patrolled the area until 21:10.</p> <p>(iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. The Israeli army also occupied and converted into a military post 1 house in the refugee camp. In both the city and the refugee camp, armed confrontations took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian as well as Ahmed as Sanakreh, an armed individual, who was in critical condition. At 05:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint arrested 2 civilians: <p>(i) Hmeid Majed Abdul Razeq; and</p> <p>(ii) Rami Hussein.</p> <p>(iii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Deir Sharaf arrested an unidentified civilian.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya.</p> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:10, the Israeli army closed the Za'tara junction checkpoint, claiming to be investigating a suspicious object. Having destroyed the suspicious object (using explosives), the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint and allowed civilians to cross. However, the Israeli army denied access to civilians between 16 and 35 years of age.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Due to Jewish holidays, Wall construction was suspended in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and patrolled the area until 00:15.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 08:25, 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 00:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Majed Abdul Razeq; and (ii) Mamdouh Mohammed Qawasmi.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Due to Jewish holidays, Wall construction was suspended in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the settler bypass road connecting the city of Beit Sahur to the town of Za'tara and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:20.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.
<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 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Due to Jewish holidays, Wall construction was suspended 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Surif, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army arrested Mu'taz Mohammed Abu 'Eisheh near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, allegedly for locating a knife in his possession. (ii) Te Israeli army arrested Mousa Mahmoud Abdul Haleem in the town of Surif. • Demonstration: At 11:00, a number of civilians held a sit-in demonstration along Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron in protest against the Israeli army's continued closure of the street.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, during one of which it levelled land. • Beginning at dawn on 01 April 2007, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the Gaza Strip districts due to Jewish holidays. Until 09 April 2007, the Israeli army will prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line. After prior coordination through the Israeli DCO, the Israeli army would only allow access to urgent humanitarian cases and international organisations active in Palestinian Authority-controlled territory.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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, access is only allowed to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and vehicles transporting newspapers, mail, and money. • Raid: At 22:30, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli Special Forces raided Palestinian territory north of the area of Al Waha northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya and withdrew at 04:00.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Land Levelling: At 14:05, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 102 on the Green Line east of Gaza city, levelled land, and withdrew at 18:50.
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"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> The Israeli authorities renewed 5,949 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of the permit-holding workers was allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the closure over the West Bank districts, which is imposed by the Israeli army until 09 April 2007. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10.
POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Administrative Detention:</u> The Israeli authorities placed Anwar Mara'abeh, the Undersecretary of the Palestinian Ministry of Religious Endowments, under administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) for a period of 6 months.