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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 02 April 2009 – 08:00 03 April 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	6	—	6	Incl. a child beaten in Tulkarem
Injuries	7	1	8	Incl. a journalist and a fisherman
Attacks	3	3	6	Incl. 1 from a mil. post & 3 by navy boats
Raids	33	—	33	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 9 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	13	—	13	Incl. 1 child and 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	20	—	20	At checkpoints and in residential areas
House Demolitions	*	—	—	Notices delivered to demolish houses
Land Levelling	1	—	1	7 <i>dunums</i> of land in the city of Hebron
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	3	4	Incl. a shops demolished in Jerusalem
House Occupations	2	—	2	Converted into military posts, Hebron
Curfews	2	—	2	Over Beit Ummar & Safa in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	24	—	24	Incl. 5 in Salfit and 7 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	49	—	49	Incl. 3 in Salfit and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	2 crossing points partially open
Construction of Mil. Post	1	—	1	A military watchtower erected in Hebron
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Land surveyed for construction of a road
Settler Violence	6	—	6	Incl. a house seized, old city of Jerusalem
TOTAL	213	12	225	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<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.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. (ii) 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). (iii) On 02 April 2009, the Israeli army imposed a blockade on and denied civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Ikksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • <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) Beginning on 16 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) At 09:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raid:</u> On 02 April 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Eisawiya and distributed notices to a number of civilians for demolition of their houses, claiming that they were built without the required construction licences. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> On 02 April 2009, the Israeli army demolished a commercial shop near the Schmidt's Girls School along Nablus Street in the vicinity of Damascus Gate in the city of Jerusalem, allegedly because it had been built without the required construction licence.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence/Detentions:</u> At 02:00 on 02 April 2009, a group of Israeli settlers seized control of a house belonging to Nasser Jaber in the old city of Jerusalem, ostensibly because they own the house. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians, while they were attempted to confront the settlers. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles on the junction to the town of At Tayba along the Al Mu'arrajat road, which connects the districts of Ramallah and Jericho. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the village of 'Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:00 on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Muhgayyir and arrested 3 civilians. (ii) At 15:35, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint at its northern entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and searched 2 houses. In the city of Ramallah, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from both areas. (iv) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet Falah.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Al Mughayyir: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Hussein Abu 'Ilayya; (ii) Nader Khalil Abu 'Ilayya; and (iii) Abdul Hamid Abu 'Ilayya. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Ramallah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Hamzeh Suleiman Jabarin; and (v) 'Isa 'Uqlah Haleem. • Settler Violence: At 14:25, a group of armed Israeli settlers gained access into the village of At Tayba as well as pointed their weapons at civilians. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Mirka and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 19:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Zububa and patrolled the area until 20:10. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoint: At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Physical Assault/Injury: At 12:50, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint severely Majdi Ahmed Daghmarsh, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Daghmarsh was transported to hospital for medical treatment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. (ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Shufa. While interrogated and photographed, the Israeli army severely beat 14-year-old Mohammed Abdul Rahim ad Duroubi. (iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta and patrolled the area until 01:00. (iv) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. • <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>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. At 09:40, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Detentions:</u> At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the village of An Nabi Elyas and 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained a number of civilians, allegedly for throwing stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and released them at a later time. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sanniriya. (ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. • <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif. (ii) Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
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 with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with

	<p>with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Madama.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol 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 neighborhood only. (ii) The Israeli army continues to allow Palestinians holding Israeli-issued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through Beit Furik checkpoint and Biet Iba iron gate. Additionally, the Israeli army allows free access to physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus. (iii) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus. (iv) Having removed Beit Iba checkpoint, the Israeli army installed an iron gate near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. The iron gate is open everyday between 05:00 and 24:00 to allow civilian access without permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Qusra, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Shavei Shomron, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. (ii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Osarin. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:50, Israeli troops positioned at Deir Sharaf checkpoint arrested Mahmoud Nabil Mahmoud al Akhras. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Qusra arrested 'Isa Sa'd 'Isa Ishteivi.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army began surveying land in the village of Qaryut in preparation for constructing a 3-kilometre-long settler bypass road to connect the settlement of Shilo to the settlement outpost of Huval. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 20:30, an Israeli settler beat 3 civilians, including a female civilian as well as 10-year-old child, in the vicinity of the village of Salem, leaving them with contusions. All injured civilians were transported to the Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.
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 with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00. (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road connecting the town of Kilf Haris to the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:30. • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Biddya, searched 1 house, and detained Shahed Saleh Kan'an in order to place pressure on his father to surrender. At 12:30, the Israeli army released Kan'an after his father had given up himself. (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris and patrolled the area until 20:10. (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zawiya, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Saleh Kamel Kan'an in the town of Biddya. • <u>Detention:</u> At 13:20, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Mohammed Adeeb Abdul Rahman Hanaysheh, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released at 14:00, after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence/Injury:</u> At 19:40, an Israeli settler threw stones at a bus transporting female pupils, who were on a school trip, near the Za'tara junction checkpoint. As a result, Rawan Mis'ef Salem, 17 years old, sustained injuries. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
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>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> At 13:30, the Israeli army closed Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge and denied access to passengers in both directions. the Bridge was reopened in the morning of 03 April 2009. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Jiftlik and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Fasayil. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Al Jiftlik: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Sa'id Mawahreh; and (ii) Mahmoud Mohammed Abdul Karim Irheil.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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 # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assaults:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and denied civilian access until 21:30.

	<p>(ii) At 20:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Fajjar, searched civilian vehicles, and severely beat 4 civilians, leaving them with injuries and contusions. Consequently, all injured civilians were transported to hospital for medical treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 01:00, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) opened intensive fire towards 'Ayda refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem. • Raids: At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Beit Fajjar and Tuqu'. • Settler Violence: At 14:45, a group of Israeli settlers closed the main road to the city of Hebron near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion. • 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 Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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 in the area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron. (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; 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 Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street leading to 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 bypass Road # 60.

- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iv) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints and searched civilians and vehicles on the junction to the town of Beit 'Einun; at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis; and along settler bypass road # 35.
 - (v) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids/Curfew/Detentions/House Occupations/Attack/Injuries:**
 - (i) At 12:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and the village of Khirbet Safa and imposed curfew, after an unidentified individual attacked 3 Israeli settlers with an axe, killing 1 settler and injuring another. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses. In the village of Safa, the Israeli army detained as well as interrogated civilians above 16 years of age at the village's school. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child, occupied 2 houses, and converted them into military posts. Also, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including a journalist.
 - (ii) At 13:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Sa'ir, Ash Shuyukh, Halhul, and Nuba.
 - (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit 'Awwa.
 - (iv) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
 - (v) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul.
 - **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Safa:
 - (i) Fadi Hani 'Aadi, 16 years old;
 - (ii) Mohammed 'Aref 'Aadi; and
 - (iii) Shadi Hani 'Aadi.
 - **Construction of Military Post:** At 22:00, and after having removed cement blocks, the Israeli army erected a military watchtower as well as installed an iron gate near Ar Rajabi building in the old city of Hebron.
 - **Land Levelling:** On 02 April 2009, the Israeli army began levelling a piece of land, measuring 7 *dunums* (1.729 acres), in the area between As Sahleh and the old vegetable and fruit market in the old city of Hebron.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: At 12:55, a group of Israeli settlers, under protection of the Israeli army, seized control of 4 commercial shops, which have been closed in pursuance of an Israeli military order after the Ibrahim Mosque Massacre in February 1994. Located near the settlement outpost of Avraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, Israeli settlers destroyed the shop doors and began restoring the shops in order to use them later. The affected shops belong to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hasan Badr; (ii) 'Azzam al 'Uwiewi; (iii) Mohammed al Qawasmi; and (iv) Baha' al 'Uwiewi. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • Violation of the Ceasefire: Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea, injuring 1 fisherman.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Attack/Injury: In the morning of 03 April 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring 1 fisherman.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
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 (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>Attacks/Destruction of Property:</u> (i) In the morning of 02 April 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the city of Rafah's beach. (ii) In the morning of 03 April 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the Al Muwasi beach in the district of Rafah, damaging 3 fishing boats.
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<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sentence:</u> The Israeli military court at Salem Military Camp sentenced Mohammed Mahmoud Abu 'Arab, a resident of Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus, for 2 years in prison as well as a fine as well as fine of ILS 4,000 (approximately USD 995). • <u>Appeal:</u> Political prisoners Faysal Mohammed Khuzeimiyyeh and Ahmed Ziyad Nazzal, residents of the town of Qabatiya in the district of Jenin, appealed to human rights organisations and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to exercise pressure on the Israeli authorities to allow both prisoners to have surgical operations. Held in Megiddo Prison, Khuzimiyyeh suffers from kidney failure and rheumatism. Nazzal also need a surgery in his arm after he was injured Israeli troops, while they were arresting him.
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