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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury		1	1	1 child east of Gaza city
Attacks	8	7	15	Incl. 6 in raids & 6 from military posts
Raids	18	1	19	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 5 in Nablus
Arrests	8	_	8	Incl. 3 in Nablus and 3 in Hebron
Detentions	23	_	23	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
House Occupations	4		4	Converted into posts in Nablus & Jericho
Closure of Checkpoints	16		16	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	28	_	28	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem 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	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	_	1	Jenin Public Hospital surrounded
Palestinian Attacks	2	2	4	Incl. fire opened at Psagot settlement
Pal. Security Measures	_	5	5	5 civilians apprehended in Central Gaza
TOTAL	174	21	195	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS

- 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.

• <u>Closure</u>: 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:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed 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 Bareed 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.

• Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem.
- (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Ramot and impeded civilian access.

• Wall Gates:

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

JERUSALEM

	 (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, 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. • Flying Checkpoint/Detention: At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Hizma, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer until 17:30.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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 Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. Attack/Palestinian Attack: At 22:05, the Israeli army opened fire from its locations in the area surrounding the settlement of Psagot towards civilian houses in the city of El Bireh, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement. Raids: At 21:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and the area surrounding Al Am'ari refugee camp. While patrolling the area surrounding the refugee camp, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
JENIN	 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. At 08:30, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Zububa. 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:

- (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- (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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Zububa and denied civilian access in both directions, claiming that unidentified individuals had damaged the Wall's chainlinked fence near the village.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up 6 flying checkpoints: near As Sa'ada forest; near Haddad Tourist Complex in the area of As Suweitat; on the junction to the town of 'Arraba; in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya; and at the entrances to the town of Ya'bad and the village of Al Kufeir. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles and impeded civilian access.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 06:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Jenin-Haifa main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Meithalun, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

• Raids/Attacks/Medical Obstruction/Detention:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida.
- (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, patrolled the area, opened intensive fire, and withdrew at 02:00
- (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin. While surrounding Jenin Public Hospital, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. In addition, the Israeli army detained 1 civilian and withdrew at 04:00.

TULKAREM

- <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.
- Closure of Main Roads: 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</u>: 			
	(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.			
	(ii) At 09:45, and again at 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.			
	<u>Arrest</u> : Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of Bal'a arrested Muss'ab Mahmoud Rajab.			
	• <u>Closure of Roads</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.			
QALQILIYA	 Wall Gates: (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 continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.			
	• Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles.			
	(ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.			
	 Raids/Attack: (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Habla, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 16:00. 			
	(ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Jayyus. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army fired sound grenades. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.			
	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the			
NABLUS	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:			
	(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.
- (v) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint, impeded civilian access, and arrested 1 civilian. In addition, Israeli troops denied access to civilians between 16 and 40 years of age.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/House Occupations/Attacks/Palestinian Attack:

- (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the area of the popular residential project east of the city of Nablus.
- (ii) At 21:25, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp. In the city, the Israeli army occupied 2 buildings and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire in 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp, after armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army jeep. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the refugee camp.
- (iii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. On the outskirts of the old city of Nablus, the Israeli army occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the refugee camp.

• Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint arrested Rami Hussein Kmeil.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Samer Abdullah Dirbas in 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Hasan Suleiman Hashash in Balata refugee camp.

• Closure of Main Roads:

SALFIT

- (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 *Intifada* (Uprising).
- (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.

	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western
	entrance to the town of Deir Istiya.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> :
	(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.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
	• <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 Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
	(ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iv) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Salfit and the other at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya, and searched civilians and vehicles.
	 Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin arrested 'Uthman Mohammed 'Assi.
	Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs.
JERICHO	• <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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
	• Raids/House Occupation: At 09:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja, occupied the roof of a 3-storey house, and converted it into a military post. At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the village again and patrolled the area.
	• <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.
BETHLEHEM	• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to
DETHLEREN	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 continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rabbal aget of the cattlement of Efrat.
	Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat.

- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 21:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids:
- (i) At 17:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 02:30.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. 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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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>: Wall construction continues 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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 3 civilians.

HEBRON

- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Hebron:
- (i) Baha' ad Din al Hdoush;
- (ii) Mohammed Abu Rammouz; and
- (iii) Naseem Ali Ghneimat.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 9 occasions, injuring 1 child. The Israeli army also carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched. 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	 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. Attack: At 22:30, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Al Waha beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, mortars were fired towards the Green Line, as follows: At 08:10, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line. At 10:00, armed Palestinian individuals attempted to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched.
GAZA	 Attacks/Injury: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 97 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city, injuring 14-year-old Hani Ahmed adh Dhameer. (ii) At 15:35, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 84 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.

CENTRAL GAZA	 Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 147 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory northeast of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Raid: At 10:30, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 119 on the Green Line east of the area of Az Zawayida. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Palestinian Security Measure: At 20:05, a Palestinian National Security patrol apprehended 2 civilians, while they were attempting to again access into areas inside the Green Line near Point 110 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 13:05, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 170 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira. (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 178 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Khuza'a.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Attack: At 21:55, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.