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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 06 April 2006 – 08:00 07 April 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	_	1	1 civilian in the city of Nablus
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 civilian severely beaten, Hebron
Injuries	9	7	16	Incl. 4 children and 1 elderly civilian
Air Attacks	_	4	4	Incl. 2 missiles by F16 aircrafts, N. Gaza
Attacks	11	11	22	Incl. 318 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	26	_	26	Incl. 7 in Nablus & 7 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	1	5	6	Incl. reconnaissance over Bethlehem
Arrests	20	_	20	Incl. 2 university students & 1 dentist
Detentions	12	_	12	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	31	_	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	_	6	6	Incl. 3 houses & Fateh offices damaged
House Occupations	4	_	4	Incl. 3 buildings in Nablus city
Closure of Checkpoints	4	_	4	Incl. Ramot checkpoint, Jerusalem
Flying Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	30	_	30	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Medical Obstruction	_	1	1	Ambulances denied access, N. Gaza
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	Call to prayers prohibited, Hebron
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. 1 house seized in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	4	6	10	Incl. shelling near Pal. security posts
Palestinian Attacks	_	6	6	13 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	178	52	230	

DISTRICT	EVENT		
ALL DISTRICTS	 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. 		

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 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 Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate near Qalandiya roundabout and to prevent civilians from entering the city of Jerusalem. Checkpoints: On 04 April 2006, the Israeli army began converting Qalandiya checkpoint into a border crossing point. The Israeli army designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iksa checkpoint and to impede civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close Ramot checkpoint, denying access to civilian vehicles. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.

	 Flying Checkpoint: At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to the village of Kharbatha al Misbah and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Abu Shukheidim, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer and 1 National Security officer. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 individuals in the village of Abu Shukheidim: Raja'i Jabr Qandah, a Palestinian Police officer; and Yaser 'Azmi Abu Thaher, a Palestinian National Security officer.
JENIN	 Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 5 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the towns of 'Arraba and Kafr Ra'i and the villages of Fahma, Bir al Basha, and Mirka, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, opened indiscriminate fire, searched a number of houses, and took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched a number of houses. At 05:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: At 19:00, the Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians, claiming that they had thrown stones at an Israeli army patrol travelling along the public road connecting the towns of Ya'bad and 'Arraba.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone, thereby impeding civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur with cement blocks.

Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the eastern entrance to the (i) city of Tulkarem ('Einav checkpoint) on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and denied civilian access, only allowing civilians holding Tulkarem-issued IDs to cross. (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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raid: On the dawn of 06 April 2006, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, the town of Kafr al Labad, and the village of 'Izbat al Jarad and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Tulkarem, the town of Kafr al Labad, and the village of 'Izbat al Jarad: Amjad Mahmoud Fuqaha', 17 years old; (i) Shareef Ali al Hamshari; and (ii) (iii) Hasan ash Shafi'i. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Jit and Immatin with dirt barricades. **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma (ii) Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal **QALQILIYA** detector. Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya; at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun; and opposite Tahseen gas station on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road. The Israeli army searched civilians and vehicles at the flying checkpoints. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district (i) 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-**NABLUS** Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan (ii) road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus and connects the city to the district of Jenin. **Checkpoints:** (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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and to prevent civilian vehicles from crossing until they acquire access permits.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/House Occupations:

- (i) Beginning at 02:20 on 06 April 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the city of Nablus, during which the Israeli army critically injured Sameh Nazzal ash Shafi'i, 17 years old. At 10:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Beita. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians, including 1 child. At 19:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 22:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Huwwara and arrested 1 child.
- (iv) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Askar refugee camp, demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions, and opened intensive fire, killing 1 civilian and injuring 3 others, including 1 elderly civilian. The Israeli army also arrested 1 child in 'Askar refugee camp, occupied 3 buildings in the city of Nablus, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.
- (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Sabastiya, opened fire, fired flares, and searched a number of houses.
- <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed Wafa Mohammed Ya'eesh in the city of Nablus.
- Arrests: At 02:20 on 06 April 2006, the Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus, in addition to those reported yesterday:
- (i) Mutlaq Jum'ah Bani 'Odeh, a university student;
- (ii) 'Anan at Tbouq, a university student;
- (iii) Bashar Haroun Jabr, a dentist;
- (iv) Ridha Nasser; and
- (v) Raed Haroun.
- (vi) The Israeli army arrested Bilal Mas'oud Khmous, 16 years old, in the town of Huwwara.
- (vii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Mohammed Mtour, 17 years old, in 'Askar refugee camp.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 12:45, a group of Israeli settlers raided the eastern quarters of the village of 'Urif and opened indiscriminate fire.

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to (i) the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western (ii) entrances to the town of Brugin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of (iii) Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight (i) and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents **SALFIT** civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara (ii) junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 07:20, 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 village of Yasuf, and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00. Raid: At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Salfit until 00:15. Closure: 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 prevents Israeli citizens from accessing the city of Jericho. **JERICHO** Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and to impede civilian access. Raid: At 20:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al 'Auja and patrolled the area. 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 **BETHLEHEM** 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.

• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.

• Raids:

- (i) At 12:20, and again at 16:00, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp and surrounded the building housing the offices of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA). Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 18:10, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp for the third time. Confrontations again took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children. At 19:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 12:50, Israeli army infantry force raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr until 13:00.
- (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Khas, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 00:25, the Israeli army, including 18 jeeps, raided the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem, whilst an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses in the city of Bethlehem, arrested 4 civilians, and withdrew 02:20.

• Arrests:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Maher Yousef Hmeidan in the village of Al Khas.

The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Bethlehem:

- (ii) Mohammed Ahmed al Khatib;
- (iii) Abdallah Mohammed al Khatib;
- (iv) Saleh 'Abed Khader al Hreimi; and
- (v) Khalil Ahmed Ibrahim Jadallah.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (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.

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• 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues 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.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint/House Occupation</u>: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of As Sarra in the area between the towns of Dura and Adh Dhahiriya, searched civilians and vehicles, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: The Israeli army severely beat Basem Ya'qoub Abu Rmeileh in the neighbourhood of Tall Rumeida in the old city of Hebron. At 21:05, Abu Rmeileh was admitted to Hebron Public Hospital.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 18:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint on 'Ein Sarah Street and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Idhna.
- (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up 2 checkpoints in front of the town's Palestinian Police station and in front of a Palestinian National Security location, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area.
- Attack on Religious Site: The Israeli army continues to prohibit the call to prayers from being broadcast at the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 22:00, a group of Israeli settlers seized control of 1 house in the area of As Sahleh in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• 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.

- 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.
- <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.
- **Air Attacks/Destruction of Property:**
- At 01:25, Israeli army combat helicopters fired 1 missile towards and (i) damaged the headquarters of the Palestinian National Liberation Movement (Fateh) in the town of Beit Lahiya.
- At 02:25, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 1 missile towards a (ii) vacant land northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.

Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property:

- Between 10:40 and 16:20, the Israeli army fired 58 artillery shells from (i) Points 64, 80, and 82 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya and Gaza city towards Palestinian territory: at the entrance to the town of Beit Hanun; around the area of Al Waha; and near 2 Palestinian National Security locations. As a result, 1 civilian was injured. Also, 1 artillery shell landed on and damaged 1 civilian house in the area of Al Waha. The Israeli army also prevented Palestinian Civil Defence trucks and ambulances from accessing the area.
- At 17:00, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from its location inside (ii) the Green Line towards Palestinian territory 20 metres away from the Palestinian President's motorcade travelling along Salah ad Din Street west of the town of Beit Hanun, injuring 2 Palestinian Police officers who were dispatched along both sides of the street in order to provide protection to the President's motorcade. The artillery shell shrapnel also hit 2 vehicles in the motorcade.
- (iii) Between 16:20 and 19:00, the Israeli army fired 108 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory: in the area surrounding Al Qarya al Badawiya; at the entrance to the town of Beit Hanun; near the area of Al Hawuz; and near 3 Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. Of these, 2 artillery shells landed on and damaged 2 civilian houses in the towns of Beit Hanun and Beit Lahiya.
- Between 19:00 and 09:00, the Israeli army fired 151 artillery shells (iv) from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near a number of Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring 4 civilians.
- Air Patrol: Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the northern area of the district of Northern Gaza and dropped flyers calling on civilians to evacuate their houses in the areas from which armed Palestinian individuals fire mortars towards the Green Line.
- Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 09:00, Israeli authorities refused a

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request (through the DCO) by Palestinian authorities to carry out a shift rotation for Palestinian security officers positioned at their locations in the

	northern area of the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli authorities do not recognize that Palestinian National Security locations exist in the area, which they consider to be evacuated. • Palestinian Attacks: (i) At 10:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded on Palestinian territory. (ii) At 14:30, 5 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 20:55, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 07:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Air Attacks: (i) At 01:35, Israeli army combat helicopters fired 1 missile towards and damaged the offices of Al Aqsa Society, which is affiliated with the Palestinian National Liberation Movement (Fateh), in Ad Daraj neighbourhood in Gaza city. (ii) At 02:25, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 1 missile towards and damaged the landing field of the Palestinian President's helicopter in Gaza city. Palestinian Attack: At 23:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. Sufa Crossing is closed. Attack: At 02:25, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah. Palestinian Attack: At 20:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory south of Sufa Crossing.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS

- West Bank: 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.
- Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 4,837. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.