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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 April 2009 – 08:00 09 April 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	5	—	5	5 civilians severely beaten in Salfit
Injuries	12	—	12	Incl. a journalist and a Pal. security officer
Attacks	5	1	5	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 from a military post
Raids	19	—	19	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	2	—	2	A child and a Palestinian Police officer
Detentions	19	—	19	Incl. 5 Palestinian security officers
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A civilians' coat in Haris village, Salfit
House Occupations	8	—	8	Converted into military posts, Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 2 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	50	—	50	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 15 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 crossing points open partially
Settler Violence	6	—	6	Incl. yards of Al Aqsa Mosque raided
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A summons served to a security officer
TOTAL	188	5	193	

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. • Beginning at 24:00 on 06 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Passover. Only allowing access to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army has prevented civilians and workers from accessing the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 18 April 2009.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 08 April 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem as well as set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound to provide protection to Israeli settlers, who travelled to the Western Wall in the old city of Jerusalem. (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) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • Closure of Main Roads: <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) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bared from the town of Ar Ram. • Checkpoints: <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 19:00, the Israeli army closed Qalandiya checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. • Attack: At 13:30, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section in the vicinity of the town of 'Anata opened fire towards and injured Mohammed Najj al Atrash, claiming that he had been present in close proximity to the Wall.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Detention/Attack/Injury:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Hizma and detained Mohammed Salem Mohammed Subeih, a Palestinian National Security officer, claiming that he had not held his ID card. After a number of civilians gathered in the area, the Israeli army opened fire towards and injured Subeih, allegedly because he had attempted to disposses an Israeli soldier of his weapon. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> On 08 April 2009, groups of Israeli settlers, protected by Israeli troops, raided yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and performed Jewish religious rituals. • <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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 Checkpoint:</u> At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 08 April 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, searched a house belonging to Khaled Jamil Darras, a Palestinian National Security officer, and served him a summons to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 20:20, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp and patrolled the area until 03:00.
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: <ol 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 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles along Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya. • Raid: At 09:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun with cement blocks. • Checkpoint: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30. (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:00. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched 2 mechanics' workshops, and withdrew at 19:50. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum and patrolled the area until 19:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 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. (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. • <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) 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 02:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Qusin and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya. (ii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 01:40 on 08 April 2009, the Israeli army arrested Yasser Abdul Latif Hasan Ishtayyeh, a Palestinian Police officer, during its raid into the village of Til. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 11:40, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained 4 Palestinian General Intelligence and National Security officers, after having searched their vehicle and located a hunting rifle inside. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released all detained officers.
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 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir Istiya and the village of Zeita Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Physical Assaults/Detentions:</u> At 19:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section west of the town of Deir Ballut detained 5 civilians, claiming that they had been in close proximity to the Wall. During interrogation, Israeli troops also severely beat the detained civilians, ostensibly because they had destroyed surveillance cameras installed on the Wall. At 20:30, Israeli troops released all detained civilians. • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya. At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area until 21:50. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris, halted Islam Tayseer Shihadeh, seized his coat, and withdrew at 21:30. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 15:20, an Israeli settler vehicle chased a civilian vehicle transporting 2 Palestinian Police officers along the Ramallah-Nablus main road. The driver, an armed settler, obstructed the civilian vehicle near the Za'tara junction checkpoint. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint detained the Palestinian Police officers along with the Israeli settlers and took them to the settlement of Ari'el. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities, Israeli troops released the Police officers at 17:30.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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"> • 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. • Checkpoints: <ol 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. (ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and reopened it at 02:15.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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. • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Checkpoint: At 12:40, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Contianer') checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Husan and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (ii) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan. (iii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem. • 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.

HEBRON

- **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 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 Ibrahimi 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:**
 - (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.
 - (v) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the towns of Surif and Beit Ummar.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nabi Yunis (the eastern entrance to the town of Halhul) and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30.
 - (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/House Occupations/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Having detained residents in a single room, the Israeli army also occupied 2 houses and converted them into military posts. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Ras al 'Arudh in the town of Sa'ir. • <u>Settler Violence/Attack/Injuries/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:30 on 08 April 2009, a group of armed Israeli settlers raided the village of Khirbet Safa and opened fire towards civilians and houses. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened to evacuate settlers. While attempting to confront settlers, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army opened fire and fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas grenades, injuring 9 civilians. Of these were Thaer Nasser Ahmed 'Aadi, who sustained critical bullet wounds, as well as a journalist while he was reporting events. Additionally, dozens of civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also occupied 6 civilian houses, converted them into military posts, and arrested 1 child. (ii) At 08:40, an Israeli settler unleashed a Police dog on Maysarah Lutfi as Salaymeh, an 11-year-old female child, in the old city of Hebron. Having fled, the girl fell and sustained injuries and contusions. (iii) At 13:40, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to attack Qurtuba School along Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Amjad Abdul Hamid Ikhlayyel, 15 years old, in the village of Khirbet Safa. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the town of Khuza'a in the district of Khan Yunis.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <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"> • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 08 April 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of farmers, while they were working on their land, east of the town of Khuza'a in the district of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional basis to allow access to 41 civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian and Saudi hospital, as well as departure of 5 French physicians. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.