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DAILY SITUATION REPORT
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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	**2**	2 armed Pal. individuals in Khan Yunis
Physical Assault	1	—	**1**	1 civilian severely beaten, Ramallah
Injuries	2	—	**2**	Incl. 1 child run over, Ad Duheisha RC
Air Attack	—	1	**1**	UAV missiles, east of Al Qarara area
Attacks	4	6	**10**	Incl. 1 in a raid & 6 from military posts
Raids	21	1	**22**	Incl. 8 in Bethlehem & 1 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrols	—	2	**2**	Incl. helicopters over Northern Gaza
Arrests	11	—	**11**	Incl. 3 children & 1 injured civilian
Detentions	11	—	**11**	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Destruction of Property	1	—	**1**	Doors of uninhabited houses destroyed
Confiscation of Property	—	1	**1**	Weapons east of Al Qarara, K. Yunis
Closure of Checkpoints	4	—	**4**	Incl. Ramot checkpoint in Jerusalem
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	**13**	Incl. 8 in Jenin & 2 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	6	1	**7**	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	30	—	**30**	Incl. entrance to Sinjil village, Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	**7**	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Attacks on Religious Sites	2	—	**2**	Incl. a room built in Ibrahimi Mosque
Palestinian Attacks	1	5	**6**	Incl. open fire towards a checkpoint
TOTAL	**108**	**26**	**134**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	• Due to the Jewish Passover ("Pesach") holidays, the Israeli army intensified the closure imposed over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts since 11 March 2006. 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	• <u>**Closure:**</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • <u>**Closure of Main Roads:**</u> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala as well as the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with 2 checkpoints and barbed wires. The Israeli army denies civilian access, only allowing civilians residing behind the Wall and those holding Jerusalem-issued IDs to cross on foot. • <u>**Checkpoints:**</u> (i) Beginning on 04 April 2006, the Israeli army has implemented new measures at Qalandiya checkpoint, after having declared it 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close Beit Iksa (Ramot) checkpoint, denying access to civilian vehicles. • <u>**Wall Gates:**</u> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • <u>**Wall Construction:**</u> Wall construction was suspended due to the Jewish Passover ("Pesach") holidays 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. • <u>**Raid/School Disruption:**</u> The Israeli army raided the village of 'Anata. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and students from the village's school during the midday break. The Israeli army fired tear gas and sound grenades towards the school yard.

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 was suspended due to the Jewish Passover ("Pesach") holidays 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/Physical Assault:** At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint also severely beat Ali Shareef 'Azeez, causing internal haemorrhage. 'Azeez was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • **Raids:** (i) At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched a number of houses, and took photographs of the houses' rooms and contents.
JENIN	• **Closure of Road:** 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. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and prevented civilians under 30 years of age from crossing. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints/Palestinian Attack:** (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of 'Arraba and arrested 3 civilians. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Arraba and the village of Mirka, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (vi) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road leading to the village of Al Buqei'a east of the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles. (vii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles.

	- **Raids:** (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Misliya and searched a number of commercial shops. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. (iii) At 00:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Ash Shuhada'. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. - **Arrests:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the town of 'Arraba arrested 3 civilians: (i) Husam Abdul Fattah Abu 'Ubeid; (ii) Khaled Waleed Ghanem; and (iii) 'Ammar Waleed Ghanem.
TULKAREM	- **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede 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: Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and the town of Bal'a; 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 also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur. - **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the eastern entrance to the 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:** At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Far'un until 02:40.
QALQILIYA	- **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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

	• **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended due to the Jewish Passover ("Pesach") holidays in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Raid:** At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Jit and searched 2 houses.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district 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-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan 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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Huwwara and arrested 1 civilian who had sustained bullet wounds to the hand. The civilian was travelling to the city of Ramallah. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqi on the Nablus-Ramallah main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Arrests:** (i) At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested an unidentified civilian, allegedly for locating explosives in his possession. (ii) At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Ala' Salah ad Din Yameen, a student. (iii) At 20:30, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 'Isa Mustafa Dohal. (iv) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the town of Huwwara arrested Abdul Salam Abu Rizq. • **Detention:** At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained Sameh Mohammed 'Awwad until 14:30.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).

	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement blocks. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards 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. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended due to the Jewish Passover ("Pesach") holidays 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 Checkpoint:** At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:00. • **Raids:** (i) At 10:45, and again at 18:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 19:00. (ii) At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja continues to be closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army also prevents farmers not holding Jericho-issued IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. In addition, the Israeli army prevents Israeli citizens from entering the city of 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.
BETHLEHEM	• **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 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. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended due to the Jewish Passover ("Pesach") holidays north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • **Raids/Physical Assault:** (i) At 12:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.

	(ii) At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 16:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	(iii) At 17:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem until 18:00.
	(iv) At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the area of Wadi Shahin in the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 04:00.
	(v) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp, after which an Israeli army jeep intentionally ran over 17-year-old Mohammed Mustafa Abu 'Eisheh. Abu 'Eisheh was then transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained. At 23:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	(vi) At 07:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.
	(vii) The Israeli army raided the village of Husan and arrested 3 children.
	• **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the village of Husan:
	(i) Thaer 'Imad Abu Yabes, 16 years old;
	(ii) Rateb Nassri Sabateen, 17 years old; and
	(iii) 'Awni Qassem Shousheh, 16 years old.
HEBRON	• **Closure:**
	(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.
	• **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 entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.
	• **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended due to the Jewish Passover ("Pesach") holidays 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.
	• **Raids/Detention:**
	(i) At 17:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, raided a wedding party, and detained a number of civilians, claiming that they had launched fireworks. The Israeli army also set up several checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
	• **Arrest:** On 11 April 2006, the Israeli army arrested Sary Ibrahim an Natsheh during its raid on the city of Hebron.
	• **Destruction of Property:** At 16:30, the Israeli army raided a number of uninhabited houses in the old city of Hebron, after destroying their doors.
	• **Attacks on Religious Site:** The Israeli army announced a decision to build a room, made of iron and stones and with bullet-proof window glass, inside the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army also prohibited the call to prayers from being broadcast at the mosque. In addition, the Israeli army announced another decision to close the mosque next Sunday and Monday, thereby denying access to Muslim worshippers.

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.

NORTHERN GAZA	• **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.
	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.
	• **Attack:** At 23:45, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
	• **Air Patrol:** At 00:40, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.
	• **Palestinian Attacks:**
	(i) At 17:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
	(ii) At 18:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
	(iii) At 02:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but exploded over Palestinian territory.

GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Air Attack/Raid/Confiscation of Property:** At 18:45, an Israeli army UAV fired missiles towards and killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals, while they were attempting to plant an explosive device near the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara. In addition, the Israeli army raided the area and confiscated weapons that were in the individuals' possession. • **Killings:** The Israeli army killed 2 armed Palestinian individuals north of the area of Al Qarara: (i) Ibrahim Mas'oud; and (ii) Mohammed 'Adnan al 'Amoudi. • **Attacks:** (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 153 on the Green Line towards a number of civilians who were 300 metres away from the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara. (ii) At 17:45, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from Point 153 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. At 18:05, the Israeli army fired 2 additional artillery shells. • **Palestinian Attacks/Attack:** (i) At 22:30, 6 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 3 landed on Palestinian territory. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory. (ii) At 02:50, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karem Shalom Crossing is closed.