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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 14 April 2007 – 08:00 15 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. 1 security officer & 1 child beaten
Injuries	6	—	6	Incl. 5 children
Attacks	10	5	15	Incl. 5 in raids & 5 from military posts
Raids	23	5	28	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 5 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	1	3	4	Incl. over Bethlehem & Northern Gaza
Arrests	7	—	7	Incl. 1 Palestinian Police officer
Detentions	18	—	18	Incl. the Palestinian Minister of Labour
House Demolition	1	—	1	1 house partially in the district of Jenin
Land Levelling	—	2	2	In Northern Gaza & Central Gaza
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	4	—	4	Incl. water tanks and 1 computer damaged
Confiscation of Property	10	—	10	Incl. gold jewellery and 4 cellular phones
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 4 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	34	—	34	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Civilians pursued and fire opened at them
TOTAL	182	22	204	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared 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 Bared 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. Checkpoint: 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. Wall Gates: <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. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Dahiyat al Bared, 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/Physical Assault: At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al 'Eizariya, searched civilians and vehicles, and severely Hamzeh Mohammed Shawabkeh, a Palestinian security officer, while he was travelling to his workplace in the city of Hebron. As a result, Shawabkeh, was admitted to a hospital in the city of Hebron for medical treatment.

<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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 eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rantis and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Shuqba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Deir Ibzi' and 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 17:55. • <u>Raid/Attack/Destruction of Property:</u> At 21:20, the Israeli army, including 21 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, opened fire, and fired sound grenades. The Israeli army also searched 1 building, after having destroyed its doors. The Israeli army opened fire again, damaging water tanks on top of house roofs. In addition, the Israeli army also arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mujahed Nimer Nabhan, a Palestinian Police officer, in the city of El Bireh.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <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) 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Al Far'a refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations took place between Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint and civilians,

	<p>during which Israeli troops injured 2 children. At 19:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 06:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of 'Ajja and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and the other in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya, and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attack/Injury/Confiscation/Destruction of Property/Physical Assaults:</u> <p>(i) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.</p> <p>(ii) At 05:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the village of Ash Shuhada'. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. During house searches, Israeli troops confiscated 1 rifle, 1 pistol, gold jewellery belonging to 3 female civilians, and 4 cellular telephones. In addition, the Israeli army damaged the furniture of 1 house as well as 1 computer and demolished 1 house partially. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. Additionally, the Israeli army detained 4 civilians, severely beat 2 civilians, including 1 child, and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida and arrested 1 civilian.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin arrested 2 civilians:</p> <p>(i) Ahmed Fawzi Sawaftah; and</p> <p>(ii) Saleh Ra'd Sawaftah.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Mahmoud 'As'ous in the village of Ash Shuhada'.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army arrested Firas Na'im Sa'eed in the town of Az Zababida.</p> • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army partially demolished a house belonging to Hasan Hazza' 'As'ous in the village of Ash Shuhada'.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camp. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. (iii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. • Wall Gates: <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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: The Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Jinsafut and Habla.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa as well as pursued and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Askar refugee camp, searched a number of houses and commercial shops, and withdrew at 05:15. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Naseem Farouq J'arah. • <u>Detentions/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained the Palestinian Minister of Labour, after locating a pistol in his briefcase. At 10:30, Israeli troops released the Minister, after confiscating the pistol. (ii) At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint detained Adham Ibrahim Mar'i, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer. After coordination (through the DCO), Israeli troops released Mar'i at 10:30. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 13:30, a group of Israeli settlers opened indiscriminate fire near the village of Talfit as well as pursued a number of civilians, while they tending sheep on their land.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <i>Intifada</i> (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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 was resumed 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. • <u>Attack:</u> At 02:45, Israeli troops positioned on Al Ersal Hill north of the city of Salfit opened indiscriminate fire and fired flares. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Bidhya and patrolled the area until 16:30. (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 24:00.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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: 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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 resumed in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • Flying Checkpoints: At 21:15, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Tuqu' and the villages of Al 'Asakira and Al Fureidis and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. At 14:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and patrolled the area until 14:30. (iii) At 15:25, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (iv) At 15:45, and again at 23:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. • Air Patrol: At 21:15, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Beit Sahur and the villages of Al 'Asakira and Al Fureidis. • Arrest: At 22:45 on 13 April 2007, the Israeli army arrested Hamzeh Badr ash Sharif during its raid into Ad Duheisha refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the area of Yaqin, leading to the town of Bani Na'im as well as Wadi al Quff road, leading to the town of Tarqumiya.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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. • <u>Raids/Injuries:</u> <p>(i) At 14:50, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the area of Ras al 'Arudh in the area between the towns of Sa'ir and Ash Shuyukh. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 children.</p> <p>(ii) At 15:00, and again at 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.</p>
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 4 occasions. The Israeli army also carried out 5 raids into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land on 2 occasions. In addition, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory on 3 occasions.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Land Levelling:</u> In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:20, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 24 on the Green Line northeast of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps and 2 bulldozers, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 25 on the Green Line northeast of the town of Beit Hanun, levelled land, and withdrew at 15:00. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 27 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 12:20, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.
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 closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> At 16:50, and again at 21:55, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 84 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 11:45, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 118 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp, levelled land, and withdrew at 14:20.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 12:05, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 147 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • <u>Raid:</u> At 13:30, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 4 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 30 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and withdrew at 15:10. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 13:15, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the city 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 Crossing closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 03:50, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 13:15, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Rafah.