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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 April 2006 – 08:00 17 April 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten, Al 'Eizariya
Injuries	9	—	9	Incl. 7 children in the district of Jenin
Attacks	4	9	13	Incl. 139 artillery shells fired
Raids	21	—	21	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 5 in Hebron
Arrests	29	—	29	Incl. 10 children & 1 Pal. Police officer
Detentions	13	—	13	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	31	—	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	3	4	Incl. 48 calves perished in Beit Hanun
Confiscation of Property	3	—	3	Incl. NIS 12,000 and gold jewellery
House Occupations	7	—	7	Incl. 5 buildings in Nablus city
Curfews	2	—	2	Over Huwwara and Madama, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	4	—	4	Incl. Ramot checkpoint in Jerusalem
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. Sur Bahir village, Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	30	—	30	Incl. entrance to Sinjil village, Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Civilian vehicles stoned, Ramallah
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	2	4	Incl. shelling near 1 Pal. brigade's HQ
Palestinian Attacks	—	8	8	12 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Qalqiliya
TOTAL	175	26	201	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army closed a playground in the village of Sur Bahir and prevented civilians from entering the village, only allowing access to its civilian residents. • <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> The Israeli army severely beat Khader Khalil Salah near the Wall in the town of Al ‘Eizariya, after which he was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Sur Bahir: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Imad Abu Hamed; (ii) Mohammed Marwan 'Atwan; (iii) Iyad Mohammed 'Atwan; and (iv) Bilal Khaled Abed Rabbu.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Checkpoints/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles. An Israeli army jeep then intentionally ran into and damaged 1 civilian vehicle. At 20:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:50, and again at 00:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, demanded that Palestinian National Security officers evacuate a checkpoint in the neighbourhood of At Tira, and opened indiscriminate fire. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians, including 1 child. The Israeli army also served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service and withdrew at 05:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Beit Rima: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sami Subhi Abu al Hajj, 17 years old; (ii) Mohammed Sadeq Irheimi; (iii) Mohammed Wasfi 'Ajaj; and (iv) 'Issam Huda al Asmar. • Settler Violence: At 11:35, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near the intersection between the settler bypass road and the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road connecting the city of Ramallah to the village of Surda. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the area.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to deny access to civilians under 30 years of age. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr Ra'i, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. • <u>Raids/House Occupations/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 24:00 on 16 April 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp as well as continued to occupy and convert into military posts a number of houses in Jenin refugee camp and in Al Jabiriyat neighbourhood in the city of Jenin. The Israeli army also searched a number of other houses, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 04:45 (ii) Beginning at 04:00 on 16 April 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of Ya'bad. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 9 civilians, including 7 children. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians, including 2 children, and confiscated a sum of NIS 12,000, gold jewellery (estimated at JD 1,000), and 1 rifle from a house belonging to Firas 'Amarneh, a Palestinian Police officer. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time. (iii) At 07:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the town of Az Zababida, searched 1 building, and withdrew at 08:00. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Barta'a, closed its entrance with a flying checkpoint, and searched 1 commercial shop. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Kafr Ra'i arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Kheiri Sadeq, 16 years old; and (ii) Ala' Tawfeeq Mirshed. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Ya'bad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Fadi Mahmoud 'Amarneh, 17 years old; (iv) Ramez Ghaleb Abu Bakr, 16 years old; (v) Mahmoud Ghassan Qabha; and (vi) Hadi Mahmoud Fadhl.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem ('Einav checkpoint) on the road connecting the

	<p>districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and denied civilian access, only allowing civilians holding Tulkarem-issued IDs to cross.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:10.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Jit and Immatin with dirt barricades. • 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 continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. (ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun until 02:30. • Demonstration: At 12:00, a mass sit-in, organized by the Palestinian Prisoners' Club, took place in front of the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons.
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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (which has been closed with dirt barricades) east of the city of Nablus, opened fire, fired tear gas grenades, and prevented civilians from crossing on foot. • <u>Raids/Curfews/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew, after stones were thrown at Israeli settler vehicles. (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian National Security forces not carry weapons, wear military uniforms, or travel in military vehicles. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 4 civilians, including 2 children. As of 08:00 this morning, the Israeli army continues to occupy 5 buildings, which it has converted into military posts after detaining residents. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Madama, imposed curfew, forced civilians to gather in the yard of the village's Girls School, and arrested 4 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ziyad Hussein Rajeh, 17 years old; and (ii) Mohammed Mahmoud 'Uweis. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Nablus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Mufeed al 'Aqqad, 16 years old; (iv) Lu'ay Abdul Qader ash Shakhsheer, 16 years old; (v) Mazen Omar al Meenawi; and (vi) Ala' al Iskarji. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Madama:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vii) Mohammed Ghassan Ziyadeh; (viii) 'Uday Mohammed Faraj; (ix) 'Ubaydah 'Amer Nassar; and (x) Mohammed 'Awadh al Qit.
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 entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda as well as the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: The Israeli army prevented civilians from crossing Wall gates in the towns of Bidya and Az Zawiya as well as the village of Mas'ha to access their agricultural land behind the Wall. • 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. • Raid: At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit until 13:30.
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. 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 intensified its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus and denied access to civilians under 30 years of age. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<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. 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 continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Al 'Aza refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. At 02:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ra'fat Mustafa an Najjar, a Palestinian Police officer, in Al 'Aza refugee camp.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</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 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. • <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:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/House Occupation/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, and again at 23:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Bir al Mahjar, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room. At 14:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Surif, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa and searched 10 houses. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army arrested 3 children along the settler bypass road near the town of Sa'ir, allegedly for throwing stones: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hayran Shareef Jaradat, 17 years old; (ii) Muhannad Fat'hi Jaradat, 17 years old; and (iii) Anas Fat'hi Jaradat, 17 years old. (iv) The Israeli army arrested Raef Shareef Hmeidat in the town of Surif.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Attacks/Destruction of Property/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Between 09:00 and 21:00, the Israeli army fired 103 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. Artillery shells landed on 1 cattle farm, causing 48 calves to perish. Other artillery shells landed near 5 Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, in the area surrounding Al Qarya al Badawiya, near the area of Al Hawuz, north of An Nada towers north of the town of Beit Lahiya, near 1 Palestinian National Security brigade's headquarters east of the town of Jabalya, and in the area surrounding Abu Safiya area east of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) At 21:45, the Israeli army fired 36 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near An Nada towers and Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya, damaging the electricity network and cutting electricity off in the area. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:05, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 15:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At 17:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iv) At 20:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (v) At 06:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 00:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched. (iii) At 02:25, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

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 is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.
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GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli Authorities for crossing the Green Line total 5,416. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> 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.
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