

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 April 2009 – 08:00 17 April 2009

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	1	2	A 17-year-old child and a 4-month infant
Air Attack	—	1	1	A missile fire by F16 aircraft on C. Gaza
Attacks	3	—	3	During confrontations with civilians
Raids	40	—	40	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 9 in Hebron
Air Patrols	—	2	2	Over the district of Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	Incl. a female civilian and a student
Detentions	20	—	20	At checkpoints and in residential areas
House Demolition	—	1	1	A house during an air attack, Central Gaza
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Attacks on Property	**	—	—	Notices to evacuate makeshift houses
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A computer in Tulkarem refugee camp
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into mil. posts, Hebron & Jenin
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	52	—	52	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 18 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	2 crossing points open partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	A mosque searched in Hebron
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Civilian Vehicle stoned and land levelled
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measures	6	—	6	Incl. explosive devices handed, Qalqiliya
Demonstrations	5	—	5	In solidarity with political prisoners
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>215</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
<b>WEST BANK</b>	
<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>JERUSALEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) On 16 April 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several flying checkpoints on main road junctions, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Ostensibly for security warnings, the Israeli army also denied access to civilians under 50 years of age to perform prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. National bodies have called for a public alarm at the Al Aqsa Mosque in order to confront Israeli settlers who had made arrangements for a large procession to gain access into as well as perform Jewish religious rituals at the Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</li> <li>(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).</li> <li>(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 Ikksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> On 16 April 2009, the Israeli army arrested Samer Siyam, a civilian guard at a gate to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the village of 'Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit, set up a checkpoint on the junction to Bir Zeit University, and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 20:40.</li> <li>(iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, searched 1 building, and arrested 1 civilian in the city of Ramallah.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested 'Issam Suleiman Abu Qar' in the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Nael Nayef Abdul Salam Karakrah in the city of Ramallah.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> Wall construction was continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Road:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids/House Occupation:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 12:30 on 15 April 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Tura al Gharbiya, occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and withdrew at 14:00 on 16 April 2009.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Arraba, searched 2 houses, arrested 1 university student, and withdrew at 05:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Yousef ‘Awadh Taher Lahlouh in the town of ‘Arraba.</li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 13:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the city of Jenin in solidarity with prisoners and demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>TUBAS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b></li> <li>(i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far’a. At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the village again. Confrontations took between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas and patrolled the area until 01:30.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun and patrolled the area until 01:20.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack on Property:</u></b> At 15:00, the Israeli army distributed notices to 3 civilians in the village of Khirbet al Malih as to evacuate their residential tents and leave the area, claiming that they were in close proximity to main road. The affected civilians are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mohammed Raheel Mohammed Ka’abneh;</li> <li>(ii) Mousa Raheel Mohammed Ka’abneh; and</li> <li>(iii) Khadher Ibrahim Asmar Dharaghmeh.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 20:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tubas on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoner Day in solidarity with political prisoners and demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b></li> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint/Detentions:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. At 10:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint detained a number of civilians and released them at a later time following interrogation.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city again. While searching a building and a house, confrontations took between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency and withdrew at 06:50.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta and the village of Ramin. In the town of 'Anbta, the Israeli army searched a car wash station, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles. At 11:45, the Israeli army withdrew from both areas.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp in the city of Tulkarem, searched 2 houses as well as an Internet cafe, and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. The Israeli army also confiscated a computer from the Internet cafe and withdrew at 06:50.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Roads:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 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 12:45, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access in both directions, and reopened it later at 13:15.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:30, and again at 18:10, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Detention:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Azzun 'Atma, searched a toys shop, and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, patrolled the area, detained 1 civilian, and withdrew at 22:30.</li> <li>(iv) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and arrested 1 civilian. At 07:35, the Israeli army raided the city again. It has remained positioned in the area until the time of reporting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Wahbi 'Azmi Sidqi Ahmed in the village of 'Azzun 'Atma.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Mus'ab Ma'zouz al Dallal in the city of Qalqiliya.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u></b> At 09:30, Palestinian security forces handed over the Israeli army (through the DCO) 8 explosive devices, 2 gas barrels prepared for detonation, gunpowder, batteries, and wires located in the city of Qalqiliya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Gates:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) Wall construction was 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u></b> At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Qusin and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Badhan.</li> <li>(ii) At 21:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabalan.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Sabastiya and An Naqura.</li> <li>(iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 04:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 11:30, a mass demonstration and festival took place in the city of Nablus on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoner Day in solidarity with political prisoners and demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bidya.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Wadi Qana road connecting the districts of Qalqiliya and Nablus.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Emanuel levelled a piece of land belonging to Fu'ad Khaled Mansour, a resident of the town of Deir Istiya.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 19:30, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoner Day in solidarity with political prisoners and demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid/Attack on Property:</u></b> At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil, took photographs of a house, and distributed notices for the demolition of 4 barracks and makeshift houses west of the village.</li> </ul>
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> At 13:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' and the other on the junction to the town of Jannata, as well as searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Manshiya and arrested 2 civilians, including a female civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan. While searching 2 houses, confrontations took between the Israeli army and civilians. At 21:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur and arrested 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Al Manshiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Na'imah Salem az Zir, a female civilian; and</li> <li>(ii) Suleiman Mohammed az Zir.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Demonstration:</u></b> At 20:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoner Day in solidarity with and demanding the release of political prisoners from Israeli prisons.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u></b> At 20:35, Palestinian security forces handed over the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 2 Israeli settlers, after they had gained access into the town of Tuqu'.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul>



**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.
  - (vi) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of 'Abda and Khirbet Karma.
  - (vii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks a side road along Road # 35 in the area of Wadi Qeizun near the overpass to the town of Halhul (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron).
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
  - (i) At 09:30, 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"> <li>(ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Wadi ash Shajina, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access until 22:30.</li> <li>(iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Killing:</u></b> At 07:40, Israeli troops positioned at the settlement Hagai opened fire towards Rabah Hijazi Mohammed Sider, a 17-year-old resident of the city of Hebron, allegedly because he had attempted to stab an Israeli settler inside the settlement.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids/Detentions/House Occupations/Attack on Religious Site:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, detained 3 civilians, and released them at a later time.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Safa, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post.</li> <li>(iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Hafayir Basam and searched 1 mosque.</li> <li>(v) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and searched 1 house.</li> <li>(vi) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Sa'ir and Ash Shuyukh. In the latter town, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(vii) At 02:00, the Israeli army the town of Beit Ula and searched 1 house.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Abdul Fattah 'Ayaydeh in the town of Ash Shuyukh.</li> <li>• <b><u>Wall Construction:</u></b> 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• <b><u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards a civilian house in the district of Central Gaza.</li> <li>(ii) Armed Palestinian groups fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Death:</b> On 16 April, Ayham Karam Akram 'Eid, a 4-month infant, died at Al Maqassed Hospital in the city of Jerusalem of complications resulting from inhalation of a poisonous gas during the Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip. Israeli combat aircraft had shelled the house belonging to the dead infant's father.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Air Attack:</b> In the evening of 16 April 2009, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards and destroyed an uninhabited house near the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> In the evening of 16 April 2009, Israeli UAVs patrolled the skies over the district of Central Gaza.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> The Israeli air force destroyed a house belonging to Saleem Abu Safiyeh east of the city of Deir al Balah.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> At dawn on 17 April 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<b>POLITICAL PRISONERS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Appeal:</b> The family of Yasser Amin Nazzal, a political prisoner from the town of Qabatiya in the district of Jenin, appealed to human rights organisations and ICRC to save their son's life. Although Nazzal sustained a bullet wound to the chest and suffers from short breath, the Israeli authorities reject that he has a necessary surgical operation.</li> </ul>
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