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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 16 April 2011 – 08:00 17 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Child & 3 brothers beaten, Bethlehem
Injury	1	_	1	A civilian in 'Awarta village, Nablus
Attacks	3	2	5	Incl. 1 in a raid and 2 by navy boats
Raids	16	_	16	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	7		7	Incl. 4 children
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Destruction of Property	5	_	5	Incl. three sheep killed in Nablus
Attack on Property	*	_	_	Notice delivered to evacuate land
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	29	_	29	Incl. 8 in Qalqiliya and 6 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	8		8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	45	_	45	Throughout the West Bank districts
Closure of Crossing Points	_	7	7	All crossing points closed
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. stones thrown at cars & houses
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A security vehicle detained in Jericho
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Incl. in solidarity with prisoners
TOTAL	145	9	154	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

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JERUSALEM	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other Palestinian districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. (i) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages. Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. Checkpoints: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. Attack/Raid: While raiding Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in the evening of 16 April 2011, the Israeli army fire tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. Raids: (i) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ar Ram town. (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bir Nabala town. Wall Gates: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village and the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. (ii) Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village.

	 Raid: At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bir Zeit town. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. Raids: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the villages of Misliya, Al Jarba, and Sanur and patrolled them at 11:30. Demonstration: On the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners' Day, families of political prisoners organised in the evening of 16 April 2011 a candle vigil in Jenin city in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Participants also demanded that all prisoners be released from Israeli jails. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Ein al Beida village and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:10.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flving Checkpoint: At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 11:40, the Israeli army raided Seida village and patrolled the area until 13:10. At 11:40, the Israeli army raided An Nazlat ash Sharqiya village and patrolled the area until 15:10. Attack on Property: On 15 April 2011, the Israeli army distributed notices for evacuation of some 70 dunums of land cultivated with fruit-bearing trees in Kafa village. Claiming that it was state land and located with Area C which is under full Israeli control, the land is located at a distance of about three kilometres from Avnei Hefetz settlement, constructed on land belonging to Shufa village. The affected land belongs to: (i) Majed Mohammed Mustafa 'Odeh; (ii) Fat'hi Rashid Mousa;

- (iii) Jamal Ghazal and his brothers: (iv) Jamal Mustafa Ahmed Isma'il:
- Ahmed Mustafa Ahmed Isma'il; and (v)
- (vi) Fat'hi Mustafa Ahmed Isma'il.
- Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

Flying Checkpoints:

- At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:30.
- At 11:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles.
- At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut (iii) village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road. At 17:45, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:15.
- (iv) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near An Nabi Elyas village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:10.
- At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (v) Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to Qalqiliya city) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (vi) Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raid/Attack/Destruction of Property: At 20:40, the Israeli army raided 'Azzun town, closed the iron gate at its entrance, set up a checkpoint, and denied civilian access to or from the town. Claiming that a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at an Israeli army jeep, Israeli troops opened fire on a house belonging to Ali Mohammed Radhwan, breaking window glass. At 23:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

Arrest: At 02:45 on 16 April 2011, the Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Mahmoud Ghaleb Radhwan during its raid into 'Azzun town, in addition to those reported yesterday.

Wall Gates:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.
- The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the (ii)village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.

QALQILYA

	• Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in		
	Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village		
	northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale		
	Shomron settlement.		
	• Closure of Main Roads:		
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit		
	Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al		
	Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of		
	'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town		
	of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.		
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of		
	Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the		
	villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura		
	village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.		
	• Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing		
	checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:		
	(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 neighbourhood only		
	between 07:00 and 02:00.		
	(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross		
	between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays.		
	All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but		
	only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city		
NABLUS	through the checkpoint.		
NADLUS	• Flying Checkpoints:		
	(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area		
	between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched		
	civilians and vehicles.		
	(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to		
	Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles.		
	(iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to		
	Beit Furik town and impeded civilian access.		
	(iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to		
	Sabastiya village and searched civilians and vehicles.		
	(v) At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to		
	Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles.		
	(vi) At 01:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to		
	Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched		
	civilians and vehicles.		
	• Raid/Physical Assault: At dawn on 16 April 2011, the Israeli army raided		
	'Awarta village, searched a house, and severely beat Mohammed Rajeh		
	Mohammed Hasan 'Awwad, leaving him with injuries and contusions.		
	• Arrests: At 18:00, the Israeli army arrested two civilians along the settler		
	bypass road near Zawata village:		
	(i) Ahmed 'Atiyyeh Omar Mousa; and		

	(ii) Hamad Mohammed Saleh Zawatiyyeh.
	• Settler Violence: At 16:30, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over a herd of sheep
	belonging to Saher Hussein Hujeileh near Yanun village. As a result, three
	sheep were killed.
	• Demonstration: At 14:40, a mass demonstration, including international
	peace activists, took place in 'Iraq Burin village in protest against land
	confiscation for construction of settlement projects.
	Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern
	entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to
	the Bruqin town.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to
	two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.
	(iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to
	open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The
	entrance had been closed for seven years.
	Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede
SALFIT	civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.
	• Flying Checkpoints: At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at
	the entrance to Yasuf village. At 22:30, the Israeli army set up another
	checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:10.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr ad Dik town.
	(ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Matwi area west of
	Salfit city.
	Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the
	area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
	• Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90
	between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.
	• Checkpoints:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra
	checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus
	districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the
	Jordan Valley area.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set
	up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road
JERICHO	connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to
deliterio	residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.
	Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern
	entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:30,
	the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and arrested a civilian. At
	06:45, the Israeli army set up checkpoint and arrested a civinal. At
	searched civilians and vehicles until 07:15.
	(ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Road # 90
	junction in the centre of Al 'Auja village and searched civilian vehicles.
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	 Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to Jericho city arrested Suhayb Mahmoud Faraj. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 19:50, Israeli troops positioned at Al 'Auja checkpoint detained a Palestinian National Security vehicle and forced officers to step down. Israeli troops allowed the vehicle to cross at a later time.
BETHLEHEM	Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the southeastern area of the village. (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. (iii) Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. Flving Checkpoints/Physical Assaults: (i) At 22:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Battir village, searched civilian vehicles, and severely beat four civilians, including a child and three brothers: (i) Qusay Arafat Mohammed Abu Rizq; (iii) Ad'ham Mohammed Abu Rizq; (iii) Ad'ham Mohammed Abu Rizq; All beaten civilians were transported to hospital for treatment of contusions sustained. (ii) At 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bureid'a village and searched civilians and vehicles until 01:30. Raid: At 10:40, the Israeli army raided Husan village, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 12:20. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	• Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.

(ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 07:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Farsh al Hawa area north of Hebron city (along Road # 35) and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided Sa'ir town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Beit Ummar town, searched a number of houses, and served summonses on two civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency:
 - (i) Yousef Ahmed Sabarneh; and
 - (ii) Jamil Mahmoud 'Algam.

• Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 17:50, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the road leading to At Tuwani village, breaking the windshield of a vehicle belonging to 'Ayed Ali Shatat.
- (ii) At 18:15, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian houses on Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron, breaking window glass of houses belonging to:
 - (i) Ali Abdul Khaleq Sider; and
 - (ii) Shakir Abdul Hameed al Muhtaseb.

The Israeli army also arrested a child because he attempted to confront settlers.

- Arrests: At 20:50, the Israeli army arrested two children in the old city of Hebron:
- (i) Mu'taz Tayseer Abu Hammad, 15 years old; and
- (ii) Mohammed Hammoudeh az Zaru, 16 years old.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mu'taz Rajab Shakir al Muhtaseb, 17 years old, on Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- 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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beaches of Gaza and Central Gaza districts.

NORTHERN GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.	
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Attack: In the evening of 16 April 2011, the Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Gaza city. 	
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Attack</u> : In the evening of 16 April 2011, the Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Deir al Balah city.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. 	

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• Prisoner Statistics: On the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners' Day, the Palestinian Ministry of Detainees and Released Detainees published a report, stating that over 6,000 Palestinian political prisoners are now held in Israeli jails and detention camps. These include 37 women, 245 children, 12 members on the Palestinian Legislative Council, and 180 prisoners held under administrative detention orders (arrest without charge or trial).
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