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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 April 2007 – 08:00 18 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassination	1	—	1	A Palestinian Police officer in Jenin
Injuries	3	—	3	3 children in Salfit and Bethlehem
Attacks	6	2	8	Incl. 2 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	30	1	31	Incl. 5 in Bethlehem and 7 in Hebron
Arrests	44	—	44	Incl. 11 children & 2 Pal. security officers
Detentions	17	—	17	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Near the Green Line in Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. a road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Curfews	2	—	2	In the Ramallah & Bethlehem districts
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 5 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	36	—	36	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 13 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Fire opened towards a child, Bethlehem
Palestinian Attack	1	—	1	Fire opened towards a settler vehicle
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	Weapons defused in the Bethlehem city
Demonstrations	5	—	5	In solidarity with political prisoners
TOTAL	212	8	220	

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 Dung Gate (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 continues 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. • Raids/Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided Qalandiya refugee camp. While searching a number of houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians and withdrew at 04:25.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Surik. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Qalandiya refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Abdul Rahman Hazin; and (ii) Bilal 'Antar.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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. (iii) At 11:10, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the road to the village of Ras Karkar. • Checkpoint: 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:10. (ii) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 01:30, the Israeli army fired flares over the area north of the city of El Bireh. • Raids/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Ras Karkar and searched 1 house, after detaining residents. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians and withdrew at 15:30. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and searched 1 house. (iii) At 02:25, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the village of Kobar, surrounded a house belonging to the Palestinian Minister of Local Government, and withdrew at 02:45. (iv) At 04:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Ras Karkar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Isma'il Ridha Abu Fkheidah; and (ii) 'Atef Sameer Sarhan. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Sameh al Khatib in the town of Beit Rima. • Palestinian Attack/Raid/Curfew: At 09:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near the village of Ras Karkar, injuring 4 Israeli settlers. Consequently, the Israeli army combed the surrounding area, raided the village of Ras Karkar, and imposed curfew. The Israeli army also set up 2 checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town

	<p>of Beituniya and the other on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik, and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 11:15, on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners' Day, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah. Demonstrators demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
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 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. • Wall Gates: <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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir, searched civilian vehicles, and provoked civilians, especially female civilians. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Qabatiya and Az Zababida, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 child. (iii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of As Suweitat, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians. (iv) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Arraba and the village of 'Ajja and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of 'Ajja, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 university student. • Raids/Attacks/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, Israeli Special Forces troops, disguised in a civilian bus, raided the village of Ash Shuhada' and opened fire, extra-judicially killing a Palestinian Police officer (described by the Israeli authorities as a "wanted individual"). Israeli Special Forces troops also detained 4 civilians and withdrew at 18:30. (ii) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, patrolled the area, opened indiscriminate fire, and withdrew at 23:55. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the village of Jalbun, searched a number of houses, arrested 7 civilians, and withdrew at 03:30. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of Az Zababida, searched a number of houses, and arrested 5 civilians (a child and 4 university students). At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Assassination:</u> Israeli Special Forces troops extra-judicially killed Ashraf Mahmoud Hanaysheh, a Palestinian Police officer, in the village of Ash Shuhada’. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the towns of Qabatiya and Az Zababida arrested Mohammed Hasan Abu ar Rub, 17 years old. <p>Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area of As Suweitat arrested 2 civilians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Saleh Mash’hour Sawaftah; and (iii) Ahmed Fawzi Sawaftah. (iv) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of ‘Ajja arrested Saleh Jamal Abu Salah. <p>The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the village of Jalbun:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Nafe’ Abdullah Abu ar Rub; (vi) Mohammed Abdul Rahman Abu ar Rub; (vii) Rafe’ Ahmed Abdul Rahman Abu ar Rub; (viii) Raed Ahmed Abu ar Rub; (ix) Ahmed Abdul Rahman Abu ar Rub; (x) Mohammed Ahmed Abdul Rahman Abu ar Rub; and (xi) ‘Amer Ahmed Abu ar Rub. <p>The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Az Zababida:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (xii) Mohammed Abdullah Fayyadh, 17 years old; (xiii) Ahmed Mohammed Jabr; (xiv) Mohammed Lutfi Abu Dan; (xv) Mohammed Qasem Sa’di; and (xvi) Ashraf Fawzi Sharqawi. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:00, on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners’ Day, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jenin. Demonstrators demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
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). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:50, Israeli troops positioned at ‘Einav checkpoint arrested Mahran Mohammed Rajab.

	<p>(ii) At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint arrested Fares Mohammed Qasem.</p>
<p>QALQILIYA</p>	<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 continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint/Detentions: At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, detained 8 civilians, and released them at a later time. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:50, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Qalqiliya and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians, including 2 children, as well as 1 Palestinian Police officer. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli Special Forces arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the city of Qalqiliya. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the town of ‘Azzun:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) ‘Uday Saqr Saleem, 15 years old; (iii) Abdullah Abdul Lateef Haniyyeh, 17 years old; (iv) Iyad Abdul Lateef Abu Haniyyeh, a Palestinian Police officer; (v) ‘Amr Ali Abu Haniyyeh; and (vi) Yousef Ghazi Sweidan.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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> <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> <p>(v) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and to deny access to civilians between 16 and 30 years of age.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Talluza and Al Badhan and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Qabalan and 'Urif and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of Balata and 'Askar and searched a number of houses. In the city of Nablus and in Balata refugee camp, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child, and withdrew at 05:00.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Duma.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Nablus and in Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mu'tassem Tahseen al Qareeni, 17 years old; (ii) Jamal Yihya Zakariyya al Khatib; and (iii) Mohammed Ali Sour.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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).</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya.</p> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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>Raid/Attack/Injuries:</u> At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Yasuf, set up a checkpoint in the village's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 children. Of these, Usamah Nimr Abdul Razeq was in critical condition. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 20:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shadi Zahi Mohammed Abu Omar; and (ii) Nidhal 'Azmi Salah. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:30, on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners' Day, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Salfit. Demonstrators demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints/Detentions:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 12:30, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint denied access to trucks transporting vegetables from villages in the northern Jericho district. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:00, on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners' Day, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jericho. Demonstrators demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour roads leading to the town of Tuqu'. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp and arrested 1 child.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and imposed curfew. (iii) At 23:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Wadi Fukin and searched a barracks for sheep. (iv) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and Ad Duheisha refugee camp and patrolled the area until 02:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the “Container”) checkpoint arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rami Mohammed Sabarneh, 17 years old; and (ii) Ayman Faye Qoqaz. (iii) The Israeli army arrested M’ayyad Yaseen Abu Salem, 16 years old, in ‘Ayda refugee camp. • <u>Settler Violence/Attack/Injury:</u> At 14:00, an Israeli settler, driving his vehicle along the settler bypass road near the town of Tuqu’, opened fire towards and critically injured 14-year-old Haytham Ali Abu Mifreh. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 11:45, following a notice by the Israeli army (through the DCO), the Palestinian Engineering Unit detonated 2 hand grenades, a 1.5 kg explosive device, and a 40 mm mortar, located in the city of Bethlehem. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:00, on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners’ Day, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem. Demonstrators demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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 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. (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
- (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.
 - (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.
 - **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues 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.
 - **Raids:**
 - (i) At dawn on 17 April 2007, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and arrested 4 children (school students), allegedly for throwing stones.
 - (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested a school student in front of his house.
 - (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
 - (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
 - (v) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched 1 house.
 - (vi) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 1 civilian.
 - (vii) At 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of As Samoa'.
 - **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 4 children in Al 'Arrub refugee camp:
 - (i) Fares Abdul Fattah Jawabreh, 17 years old;
 - (ii) Abdul Rahman Zakariyya al Farajin, 16 years old;
 - (iii) Muntasser 'Imad Abu Sharar, 16 years old; and
 - (iv) Jihad Zuheir Abu Wardeh, 17 years old.
 - (v) The Israeli army arrested 'Izz ad Din Mahmoud al Jawabreh in the town of Beit Ummar.
 - (vi) The Israeli army arrested Hammam Sa'eed Suleiman in the town of Idhna.
 - **Demonstration:** At 11:00, on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners' Day, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron. Demonstrators demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.

GAZA STRIP

<p>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 2 occasions. The Israeli army also carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land.
<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. From 10:10 until 11:10, the Crossing was completely closed. • Attack: At 00:05, the Israeli army fired 3 flares over Palestinian territory opposite Point 50 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Land Levelling: At 14:20, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks and 2 bulldozers, raided 10 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 149 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and levelled land.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing open. From 09:00 until 17:00, the Crossing was open to civilian passengers in both directions. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Slim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 19:00, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.

GENERAL

<p>WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,949 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 10. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (10) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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