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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 April 2009 – 08:00 18 April 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	—	2	Incl. a child in the district of Ramallah
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Protestors beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	15	—	15	Incl. a civilian bitten by a Police dog
Attacks	8	4	12	Incl. 3 in raids and 2 from military posts
Raids	25	2	27	Incl. 5 Tulkarem and 6 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrols	—	2	2	UAVs over Central Gaza & Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 1 in Jericho
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. 3 children and 1 security officer
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Nablus
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	—	6	6	Karm Abu Salem CP open partially
Settler Violence	6	—	6	Incl. civilian land levelled in Salfit
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Photographs taken of Pal. security officers
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	2 Israeli settlers handed over in Jericho
Demonstrations	4	—	4	Against the Wall & supporting prisoners
TOTAL	203	14	217	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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. • 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.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 16 April 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem as well as around the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque. (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). (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 Ikhsa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • 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: <ol 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of At Tayba along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Ramallah and Jericho, searched vehicles, and arrested 3 civilians. • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of At Tayba arrested 3 unidentified civilians. • Attack/Injury: At 12:15, Israeli troops positioned on a military watchtower in the area surrounding the settlement of Beit Il towards 2 children from Al Jalazun refugee camp, claiming that they has thrown stones at the settlement. Israeli troops killed 1 child and injured the other. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army killed 1 civilian. Other civilians also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 9 civilians as well as an American peace activist. In addition, a number of protestors were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. • Killings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army killed 16-year-old Mohammed Ali Nuwwarah Hamdan near the settlement of Beit Il. (ii) The Israeli army killed Basem Ibrahim Ahmed Abu Rahmeh in the village of Bil'in. • Settler Violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, a group of Israeli settlers prevented residents of the village of Khirbet Abu Falah from accessing their agricultural land in the vicinity of the village of 'Ein Siniya.

	<p>(ii) At 14:15, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the village of 'Ein Siniya and detained a number of civilians. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zububa and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Al Yamun and As Silat al Harithiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:30.</p> • Raid: At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Rummana. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration and festival took place in the city of Jenin on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoner Day in solidarity with political prisoners and demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: 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. • Raid: At 00:25, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp and patrolled the area until 00:40.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</p> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raids: <p>(i) At 16:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 22:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir al Ghusun and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</p>

	<p>(iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 07:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Checkpoint: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of ‘Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Detentions/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Wadi ar Rasha and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 14:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Azzun. At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the town again, patrolled the area, detained 2 children, and released them at 00:30 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). (iii) At 15:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus. While patrolling the area, confrontations took between the Israeli army and civilians. At 16:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 16:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and searched a house as well as the Dynamometer Department of the Palestinian Ministry of Transportation. In addition, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened indiscriminate fire. At 23:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Dhiya’ Abdul Majeed Bakr ‘Odeh in the village of Wadi ar Rasha. • Detention: At 18:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section near the village of Habla detained 13-year-old Mohammed Ibrahim Mousa and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<p>(ii) Wall construction 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.</p>
<p>NABLUS</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 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. (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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. (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. (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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Talluza and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Wazan and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also severely beat 17-year-old Mohammed Jihad Kamal Hussein, breaking his arm.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Injury:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint released a Police dog, which bit Wael Mohammed Ahmed Salam, a resident of Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus. At 19:50, Salam was admitted to the Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Badhan. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Naqura. (iv) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya. (v) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and patrolled the area until 03:00. (vi) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of ‘Iraq Burin. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 16:20, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik arrested Mohammed Sa’d Marshoud, a resident of Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 12:50, a group of Israeli settlers levelled civilian land near the settlement of Bracha in the village of Burin.
SALFIT	<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 northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za’tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:25. (ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and patrolled the area until 13:00. (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf and patrolled the area until 19:00. (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris and patrolled the area until 19:50. (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area until 20:40. • <u>Detention:</u> At 07:45, Israeli troops positioned at the Za’tara junction checkpoint detained Mahmoud Mohammed Mahmoud, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him at a later time after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Rivava levelled civilian land in the town of Haris for expansion and instalment of a water network designated for the settlement. • Wall Construction: 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrest: At 12:45, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Mohammed Abdul Rahman Ali al Badawi, a resident of district of Hebron, while he was returning from Jordan. • Palestinian Security Measure: at 17:15, Palestinian security forces over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 2 Israeli settlers, who were captured while they were attempting to gain access into the city of Jericho.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ash Shawawra and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:00. (ii) At 18:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Security Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Wadi an Niss. (ii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. The Israeli army also took photographs of Palestinian security officers guarding <i>Al Muqata'a</i> (the complex of Palestinian security agencies) and withdrew at 03:00. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers protected by Israeli troops gained access into the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and withdrew at 11:00. (ii) At 17:50, a group of Israeli settlers beat Mohammed Mufarreh along with children, all residents of the village of Rakhma, while they were working on their land. • <u>Demonstration/Attack/Physical Assaults/Injuries:</u> At 13:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. The Israeli army obstructed the demonstration and fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas grenades towards protestors. The Israeli army also severely beat protestors with clubs and rifle butts, leaving 3 civilians, including a child, with injuries and contusions. Additionally, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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 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).

- **Raids:**

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and combed the area of Al Harayiq near the settlement of Hagai.
- (ii) At 13:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron as well as raided and searched a house belonging to the family of Rabah Sider, a child killed by Israeli troops as was reported yesterday. The Israeli army also served summons to Sider's father and brother to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. Meanwhile, confrontations took between the Israeli army and civilians. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet Safafa. Confrontations also took between the Israeli army and civilians at the entrance to the village.

- **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Rahman Haddad in the city of Hebron.

- **Wall Construction:** 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.

GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory. Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line and navy boats also opened fire towards civilians and property.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning of 17 April 2009, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of farmers, international peace activists, and journalists east of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) In the evening of 17 April 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards the As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol:</u> At dawn on 18 April 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by Israeli UAVs, raided Palestinian territory east of the city of Deir al Balah. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol:</u> At 01:20, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by Israeli UAVs, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Al Qarara. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report: According to a detailed report released on 17 April 2009 by the Palestinian Prisoners' Club on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoner Day, 9,284 Palestinian and Arab political prisoners are held in Israeli prisons. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 58 female prisoners, including 4 between 14 and 17 years of age as well as 2 others sentenced to imprisonment for life, including Ahlam at Tamimi, a resident of the district of Ramallah. At Tamimi has been sentenced to life imprisonment 16 years as well as 20 more years. (ii) 400 children between 13 and 17 years of age. Of these, 45 children are under 16 years. Another 139 children are serving imprisonment sentences; 206 held until completion of judicial proceedings; and over 50 under interrogation. (iii) 560 prisoners held under administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial). Among these, 2 prisoners have spent 4.5 years under administrative detentions. (iv) Having been imprisoned for 32 years, Nael al Barghouthi is now the most senior political prisoner. 11 prisoners have been held for over 25 years and 76 others are sentenced for life.
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