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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00 17 April 2011 – 08:00 18 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	A civilian wounded in Ramallah
Attacks	7	2	9	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 by navy boats
Raids	19	1	20	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 3 in Ramallah
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over N. Gaza
Arrests (per person)	5	—	5	Incl. a child and university student
Detentions	18	—	18	Incl. a child and Police officer
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Northern Gaza district
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	23 olive seedlings in Hebron
Attack on Property	*	—	—	Notice to evacuate land in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	36	—	36	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem and 7 in Hebron
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	—	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settler Violence	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Hebron
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with political prisoners
TOTAL	165	9	174	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At 24:00 on 17 April 2011, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish Pesach (Passover) holiday. Excluding previously-coordinated diplomatic and international missions, humanitarian cases, and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to Jerusalem city and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 26 April 2011.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 24:00 on 17 April 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and set up checkpoints on road junctions and around the old city of Jerusalem to provide protection to celebrations of the Jewish Pesach (Passover) holiday. With the exception of previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to the city. 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. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. 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. 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. Checkpoint: 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Ar Ram town and searched civilians and vehicles. Attack: At 22:00, Israeli troops positioned near Qalandiya checkpoint fired tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 09:30, the Israeli army raided Mikhmas village. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided Abu Dis town and arrested a civilian. At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area until 22:30. (iii) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided Biddu town, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 23:00. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed As'ad 'Ubeidat in Abu Dis town. • <u>Detention:</u> At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint detained Mahmoud Ibrahim al Khatib and his daughter Sana', residents of Gaza city, while they were returning to the Gaza Strip. Mahmoud al Khatib had a surgical operation at a hospital in the West Bank. Both civilians were released after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</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 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:05, and again at 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Um Safa village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:30, and again at 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to Yabrud village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 22:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impeded civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Deir Abu Mash'al village. (ii) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided Kharbatha al Misbah village. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided 'Arura town, searched a house, arrested two civilians, and withdrew at 03:50.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injury:</u> On the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners' Day, a mass demonstration took place at 12:00 near the entrance to 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre in Beituniya town in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Participants also demanded that all prisoners be released from Israeli jails. Meantime, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured Ayman al Barghouthi. A number of participants also sustained wounds a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition, the Israeli army arrested a university student. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested two civilians in 'Arura town: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Suleiman Salameh al Khatib; and (ii) Basel Nathmi Ahmed 'Aruri. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Fares Farouq Badr, a university student, near 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre in Beituniya town. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Zububa village and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:30. • <u>Raid:</u> At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Zububa village. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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"> • <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.
TULKAREM	<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 road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 10:55, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Far'un village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Lid town. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem city, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 14:20. (iii) At 21:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bal'a town. Meantime, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 22:25, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	<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. • Flying Checkpoints/Detentions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to Hajja village, searched civilians and vehicles, detained Zahed Majed Mohammed Hamad, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to ‘Izbat at Tabib village, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a child, and released him at a later time. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Hajja and Al Funduq villages and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided ‘Azzun town, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided Jayyus town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 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 through the checkpoint. (iii) At 17:30, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Shavei Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:15. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Yitzhar settlement and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 13:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Awarta village and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Burqa village and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village and denied civilian access. The Israeli army also fired flares while it was conducting a military training exercise. (vii) At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided 'Awarta village, searched a number of houses, and arrested a child. (ii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nablus city. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Tawfiq Hindawi Qawariq in 'Awarta village.
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 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Iskaka village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided Qarawat Bani Hassan town and patrolled the area until 20:00. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the main road in the centre of Al 'Auja village and searched civilian vehicles. • Raid: At 16:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jericho city.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 south-eastern area of the village. (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 <i>dunums</i> 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. • Checkpoint: At 14:20, and again at 22:30, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Husan village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints, one in Wadi Qabbun area and the other at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town). Israeli troops searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Ummar town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to As Samoa' town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iv) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (v) At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (vi) At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tarusa village.
 - (ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army raided An Nabi Yunis area in Halhul town.
- **Confiscation of Property:** At 19:00, the Israeli army confiscated 23 olive seedlings on land belonging to Thaeer al Qawasmi near Suba village. The Israeli army had delivered a notice to Al Qawasmi for evacuation of his land.
- **Settler Violence:** At 12:45, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat Yousef Ibrahim Abed Murr near Sussia settlement, leaving him with contusions and bone fractures in the arm. Consequently, Murr was transported to hospital for medical treatment.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011. • Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on agricultural land. The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Northern Gaza district.
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<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. • Attack: In the morning of 17 April 2011, the Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off As Sudaniya beach west of Beit Lahiya town. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the morning of 17 April 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Beit Hanun town. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire on civilian houses and property.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians to depart to Saudi Arabia to perform ‘Umrah (minor pilgrimage) in Mecca city. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to importing 40 vehicles by the private sector, construction material designated to UNRWA project was transported to the Gaza Strip. A truckload of flowers was also exported from the Crossing.
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GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hunger Strike:</u> On 17 April 2011, political prisoners held in Israeli jails declared a one-day hunger strike on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoners’ Day. By this, political prisoners reiterated their just cause and drew attention to their suffering as well as Israeli violations against them and their families during visits.
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