

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 April 2009 – 08:00 19 April 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attack	—	1	1	By navy boats towards Pal. fishing boats
Raids	24	—	24	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem and 4 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	12	—	12	Incl. 3 children and 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Destruction of Property	6	—	6	Incl. windshields of 4 vehicles broken
Confiscation of Property	6	—	6	Incl. a forklift and 4 horses
Closure of Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	52	—	52	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 17 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Rafah Crossing open exceptionally
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Excavation works in Bethlehem
Settler Violence	6	—	6	Incl. trees uprooted & vehicles stoned
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A security vehicle detained in Ramallah
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Hebron
TOTAL	165	7	172	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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 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 prevented civilians and workers from accessing the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line. The closure was lifted 24:00 on 18 April 2009.
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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 18 April 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and along roads leading to the Church of the Sepulchre, impeding access to Christian civilians from the Orthodox Roman denomination to access the Church for celebration of the Holy Saturday. The Israeli army allowed access to foreign tourists to the Church after having transported them on Israeli buses. (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 Iksha due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya and searched 1 house.
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	<p>(ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ar Ram.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 Kafir 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 Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the overpass to the village of 'Ein Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <p>(i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the Industrial Zone in the city of Ramallah and arrested 3 civilians (brothers).</p> <p>(ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and searched 1 building. At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Ramallah: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed 'Abdeen; (ii) Ibrahim 'Abdeen; and (iii) Islam 'Abdeen. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara detained a Palestinian National Security vehicle and released at 15:40, following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.

<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<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 the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:30. • <u>Raid:</u> At 17:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Jadida. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 22:40, a group of Israeli settlers positioned in the vicinity of the evacuated settlement of Homesh threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Jenin-Nablus main road, breaking windshields of 3 vehicles. Israeli settlers also beat 2 civilians. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 01:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Aqqaba. (ii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided Al Far’a refugee camp, searched a house as well as a tile factory, and confiscated a forklift. (iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</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 dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles in the area between Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and the village of Kafr al Labad. • <u>Raid:</u> At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr al Labad. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. (ii) Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the northern entrance to the town of ‘Azzun with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a barracks, arrested 1 civilian, and seized 4 horses. (ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Amin and patrolled the area until 19:00. (iii) At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun, patrolled the area, detained a number of civilians, and released them at a later time. (iv) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Habla and patrolled until 20:45. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army arrested Tabarak Sadeq Mahmoud ash Sheikh, 15 years old, while he was present on agricultural land on the outskirts of the village of ‘Azzun ‘Atma. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Mirshed Bakr in the city of Qalqiliya. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <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. (ii) Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 style="text-align: center;">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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol 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. (v) At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at Huwwara checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Burqa and Sabastiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Badhan. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 16 April 2009, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Qasem Saleh Qasem Bani Jaber. (ii) On 16 April 2009, the Israeli army arrested Samer Jamal Thabet near the entrance to the village of 'Azmut. (iii) At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Ziyad Nimer az Zubeidi, a Palestinian National Security officer. • Settler Violence: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:30, a group of Israeli settlers beat Fadi abu at Tein near the junction to the village of Sabastiya as well as broke the windshield of his vehicle.
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	<p>(ii) At 13:00, an Israeli settler from the settlement of 'Eili damaged wheel tyres of a tractor belonging to Mohammed Shaher Ibrahim, while he was cultivating his land in the village of Qaryut.</p>
SALFIT	<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 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint Mohammed Zeidan Khalil Ma'rouf and released him at a later time. (ii) At 13:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained 2 Palestinian National Security officers and released them at 14:45, after coordination with the Israeli authorities through the DCO. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.
JERICHO	<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 Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Al Jiftlik and Fasayil and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) and impeded civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ash Shawawra and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tuqu’. (ii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Walaja and searched a number of houses. (iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and searched 1 house. • Settlement Activity: At 12:25, the Israeli army carried out excavations in the area surrounding the tunnel underneath Road # 60, which connects the town of Al Khadr to western villages in the district of Bethlehem. • Settler Violence: At 19:20, Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the road connecting the villages of Husan and Nahhalin. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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"> • Closure: <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).

- **Flying Checkpoints:**

- (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Wadi al Quf road leading to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road connecting the towns of Halhul and Nuba.
- (iii) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids/School Disruption:**

- (i) At 18:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and searched 2 houses.
- (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.

- **Settler Violence:** At 16:45, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit 'Ain uprooted fruit-bearing trees on land belonging to the village of Beit Safa. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. The Israeli army also arrested a child while he was attempting to confront Israeli settlers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army arrested Thiyab ‘Uthman al Karaki, 15 years old, in the old city of Hebron. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Hasan ‘Ammar Samamreh in the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Hamdi Jamal Mohammed ‘Aadi, 15 years old, in the village of Khirbet Safa. • Demonstration: At 10:30, a demonstration, including women, took place on the occasion of the Palestinian Prisoner Day in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Hebron in solidarity with political prisoners and demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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 pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • Violations of the Ceasefire: Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the city of Rafah.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional basis to allow access to 624 ill civilians, students, and civilians holding residence cards and visas. In addition, trucks transporting 25 tons of medicine and 296 civilians stranded on the Egyptian border were also allowed to leave. • Attack: In the morning of 18 April 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the city of Rafah.