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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 April 2011 – 08:00 19 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	1	2	3	1 in confrontations and 2 by navy boats
Raids	12	—	12	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	4	—	4	Incl. 2 brothers in Ramallah
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. a father and son
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into mil. Posts in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	43	—	43	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 13 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Rafah Crossing open
Construction of Mil. Post	1	—	1	Military tent erected in Hebron
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Grounds of Al Aqsa Mosque raided
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Farmers assailed on their land, Hebron
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	130	9	139	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning at 24:00 on 17 April 2011, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish Pesach (Passover) holiday. With the exception of previously-coordinated diplomatic and international missions, humanitarian cases, and critically ill civilians, the Israeli army has 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.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 24:00 on 17 April 2011, the Israeli army has continued to intensify 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 has denied access to civilians and workers, including those holding special permits, to the city. (i) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikxa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikxa 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. • Attack on Religious Site: At 12:00, Israeli settlers, under protection of the Israeli army, gained entry into the grounds of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound through the Morocco Gate and made a tour around the mosque yards. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Safa village and the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.</p> <p>(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.</p> • Arrests: At 02:30 on 18 April 2011, the Israeli army arrested four civilians, including two brothers, during its raid into 'Arura town, in addition to those reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omar Mustafa Khasib; (ii) Mohammed Mustafa Khasib; (iii) Mohammed Suleiman Mohammed; and (iv) Firas Nassr Sabt al Barghouthi. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • 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: 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"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</p> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil towns and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Anabta town and Bizzariya village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p>

	<p>(iii) At 19:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Ramin village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: 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"> • 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 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near An Nabi Elyas village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Attack: At 14:00, the Israeli army fired sound grenades on civilians near the entrance to ‘Azzun town, allegedly for throwing stones. • Raids/Detentions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided ‘Izbat at Tabib village and detained Khaled Mohammed Tabib and his 12-year-old son Tayseer, allegedly because Tayseer had thrown stones at Israeli troops. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army released both civilians. At 18:35, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 18:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled An Nabi Elyas village. (iii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jayyus town. • 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 continues 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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"> • 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) 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. • Flying Checkpoints: At 14:30, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints at the entrances to As Sawiya and Al Lubban ash Sharqiya village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 04:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qusin village.
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 Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. • Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Iskaka village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr ad Dik town and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:40. (iii) At 18:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bruqin town and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:00. • Detention: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Rateb Hanani and released him at 11:00. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians until 12:50.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to Beit Jala city and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:50.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:34, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tuqu' town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Dar Salah village at the eastern entrance to Beit Sahur city and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:55.</p> <p>(iv) At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • Raids: <p>(i) At 13:35, the Israeli army raided Husan village and patrolled the area until 14:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided Tuqu' town and patrolled the area until 14:30.</p> <p>(iii) At 20:25, the Israeli army raided Dar az Zir village and patrolled it until 21:30.</p> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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.</p>

	<p>(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.</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 As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Adh Dhahiriya town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ruq'a area in Yatta town. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city. At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a number of houses after detaining residents. At 02:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>House Occupations:</u> At 14:40, Israeli troops occupied and converted into military posts the roof of three houses overlooking Road # 60 near the junction to Beit 'Einun village, at the entrance to Bani Na'im town, and near Kiryat Arba' settlement. • <u>Construction of Military Post:</u> At 11:15, Israeli troops erected and took position in a tent near Turrama village. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 15:00, a group of Israeli settlers of Hagai settlement assaulted a number of civilians while they were working on their land near the settlement in Ar Rihya village. The Israeli army also forced civilians out of their land. Coordination will be in place (through the DCO) to allow civilians to access their land next week. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> (i) The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beaches of Northern Gaza and Gaza districts. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed due to the Jewish Pesach (Passover) holiday. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 19 April 2011, the Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off As Sudaniya beach west of Beit Lahiya town. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the afternoon of 18 April 2011, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (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. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 19 April 2011, the Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Gaza city.
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"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians to depart to Saudi Arabia to perform <i>'Umrah</i> (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 is closed due to the Jewish Pesach (Passover) holiday.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sentence:</u> An Israeli military courts sentenced Marcel 'Inad 'Anzawi, a resident of Jenin district, to 12 years in prison and 8 with the stay of execution.
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