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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 April 2007 – 08:00 20 April 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	—	1	1	1 child in the district of Northern Gaza
Attacks	2	1	3	2 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	28	4	32	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 3 in N. Gaza
Arrests	31	—	31	Incl. 5 children & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential locales
House Demolition	1	—	1	1 house in Imneizil village, Hebron
Land Levelling	—	2	2	In Northern Gaza and Gaza districts
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 4 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	35	—	35	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 12 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	1	—	1	1 house attacked & residents beaten
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Hebron
TOTAL	177	11	188	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. This Israeli measure aims to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Dung Gate (Bab Al Maghariba) old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</p> <p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. <p>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.</p> <p>Wall Gates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. <p>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.</p> <p>Flying Checkpoints:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Dahiyat Beit Hanina in the city of Jerusalem and searched civilians and vehicles.
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	<p>(ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access until 20:50.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: (i) At dawn on 19 April 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya and arrested 3 university students. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled Qalandiya refugee camp. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 university students in the town of Al 'Eizariya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Radhi At Tmeizi; (ii) Na'im Salah Qatmireh; and (iii) Mohammed 'Adel as Sinnawi.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road to the village of Ras Karkar. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Abud and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: (i) At dawn on 19 April 2007, the Israeli army raided the village of Jilijliya and arrested 6 civilians. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city again and patrolled the area until 00:35. (iii) At 15:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and arrested 1 civilian. (v) At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Jilijliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Abdul 'Aziz; (ii) Khalil Hamdi; (iii) Kamal Dar ash Sheikh; (iv) Rashad Mohammed Ali; (v) Fu'ad Qattoum; and (vi) Ibrahim Qattoum.

	<p>(vii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Sameh ar Rimawi in the town of Beit Rima.</p> <p>(viii) The Israeli army arrested Riyadh Missleh an Nabali in the town of Bir Zeit.</p>
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) Beginning on 29 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to regulate times to open Al Jalama and Salim Wall gates between 06:30 until 10:00 and 17:00 until 21:00 respectively. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 university student. (ii) The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, 2 on the junctions to the town of ‘Arraba and the village of Al Kufeir and 1 at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. (ii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:50, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint arrested Rami Mukhless as Sawaftah. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya arrested As’ad Suleiman Habaybeh.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal’a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to ‘Attil plain, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at ‘Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 13:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Bal'a and patrolled the area until 16:00.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: At 11:25, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city), and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jit. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and fired flares over the entrance to the city.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. (v) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and to deny access to civilians between 16 and 30 years of age. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 22:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sabastiya. • Arrest: On 17 April 2007, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Sameer Badi' Abu Mustafa, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Iskaka and patrolled the area. (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya and arrested 2 children. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of Deir Istiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Waheed Fat'hi Salman, 17 years old; and (ii) Ahmed 'Uthman Salman, 17 years old.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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'arajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along the Jericho-Ramallah road and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour roads leading to the town of Tuqu'. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 16:45, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Gilo tunnel along Road # 60 west of the city of Beit Jala, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the town of Al Khadr), searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 4 civilians. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (ii) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (iii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp, searched 1 house as well as 1 commercial shop, and withdrew at 03:20. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and arrested 3 children. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the town of Al Khadr) arrested 4 unidentified civilians. The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the town of Tuqu': <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mohammed Jamal 'Abed Sabbah, 17 years old; (iii) Jum'ah Amin 'Abed Sabbah, 16 years old; and (iv) Mohammed Amin 'Abed Sabbah, 16 years old.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol 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

	<p>an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access to and from the area.</p> <p>(ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to the area of Yaqin, leading to the town of Bani Na'im.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At dawn on 19 April 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 3 civilians.</p> <p>(ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.</p> <p>(iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Kahil.</p> <p>(iv) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul and arrested 3 university students.</p> <p>(v) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Imneizil south of the town of Yatta and demolished 1 house, claiming that it was located in close proximity to a settler bypass road.</p> <p>(vi) At 23:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian, stating that his son should report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> At 13:20, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, while they were present in an area inside the Green Line:
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	<p>(i) Nader Khalil ash Shamali; and</p> <p>(ii) Zuheir 'Isa ash Shamali.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:</p> <p>(iii) Rami Yousef Qoqas;</p> <p>(iv) Mohammed Yousef Qoqas; and</p> <p>(v) Usayd Mohammed 'Adi.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Halhul:</p> <p>(vi) Raji Mohammed Zama'reh;</p> <p>(vii) Ali Abdul Qader Shaheen; and</p> <p>(viii) Sarhan 'Afeef Sarhan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Ibrahim Mohammed Abu Qbeitah in the village of Imneizil. • Settler Violence: At 16:00, a group of Israeli settlers attacked a house in Al Ja'bari neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron and beat residents. • Demonstration: At 11:00, political prisoners' families held a sit-in demonstration in the town of Yatta and demanded that prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 1 occasion, injuring 1 child. The Israeli army also carried out 4 raids into Palestinian territory, during 2 of which it levelled land.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. From 10:10 until 11:10, the Crossing was completely closed. • Attack/Injury: At 12:30, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards and injured 1 child in the area of As Sudaniya northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Raids/Land Levelling: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried out 3 raids into Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory near Point 15 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya and withdrew at 15:40. (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army, including 6 armoured vehicles and 4 bulldozers, raided 500 metres into Palestinian territory east of Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone north of the town of Beit Hanun, levelled land, erected dirt barricades, and withdrew at 18:10. (iii) At 00:05, Israeli Special Forces raided Palestinian territory near Point 25 on the Green Line east of Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone north of the town of Beit Hanun.

GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Land Levelling:</u> At 11:30, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 84 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and levelled land.
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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is open. From 09:00 until 17:00, the Crossing was open to civilian passengers in both directions. (iii) Karm Abu Slim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.