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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 April 2011 – 08:00 20 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Qalqiliya
Injuries	3	—	3	Incl. a Police officer and journalist
Attacks	2	—	2	1 in confrontations and 1 by settlers
Raids	10	—	10	Incl. 3 in Nablus and 2 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	4	—	4	Incl. 1 in Tubas and 1 in Hebron
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. a university student
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. a checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	35	—	35	Incl. 8 in Nablus and 6 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
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. a village raided and fire opened
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A Police vehicle detained in Tulkarem
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Tulkarem
TOTAL	136	6	142	

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"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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 Iksa villages. • <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. (iii) 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> On 19 April 2011, Israeli staff members of the Jewish Moscovitch and Shepali settlement associations distributed notices for evacuation of 10 Palestinian families from their houses in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. The settlement associations claimed that the houses belonged to them. • <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.

	<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 was suspended for the Jewish Pesach holiday in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
<p>RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(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.</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> • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Silwad town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Um Safa village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to 'Ein Yabrud village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish Pesach holiday in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
<p>JENIN</p>	<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. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Zububa village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Arab-American University and searched civilians and vehicles until 04:30.</p> • 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.
<p>TUBAS</p>	<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. At 18:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, while it was detaining and searching a truck, and reopened it at 20:00. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bardala village, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested a civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 17:30, the Israeli army raided Bardala village and stormed into a civilian house. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to Bardala village arrested Usamah Ibrahim Abdul Karim Fuqaha.
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> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at ‘Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops detained a Palestinian Police vehicle and allowed it to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Tulkarem city in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Protestors also demanded that all prisoners be released from Israeli jails. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near ‘Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> At 21:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled ‘Azzun town and ‘Asla village. • <u>Arrest/Physical Assault:</u> At 17:50, Israeli troops severely beat and arrested Omar Ali Mahmoud Saddeh near Jit village, allegedly for throwing stones. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul 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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish Pesach holiday 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: <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at Huwwara checkpoint.</p> • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Shavei Shomron settlement and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Sabastiya village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Yitzhar settlement. At 03:45, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 04:15.</p> <p>(v) At 19:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p>

	<p>(vi) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> <p>(i) At 21:45, the Israeli army raided Qabalan town, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 23:40.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Sarra village, searched a number of houses, detained four civilians, and released them at a later time. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <p>(i) At 17:10, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at Sakhr Husam ‘Ahed Faqih while he was ploughing his land near ‘Iraq Burin village, leaving him with contusions in the left foot. Al Faqih was transported to hospital for medical treatment.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:10, a group of armed Israeli settlers from Bracha settlement raided Burin village and opened fire on civilians, who attempted to prevent them from seizing control of a civilian house and hoisting the Israeli flag on its roof. Meantime, Bruce Lee ‘Eid, a Palestinian Police officer, sustained injuries in the arm and waist. Israeli settlers also severely beat three civilians and a Palestinian National Security officer. Two civilians, including Wajdi Istiyyeh, a journalist, sustained injuries and contusions. The Israeli army also fired tear gas grenades, wounding a number of civilians and journalists as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army evacuated settlers from the village at a later time.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.</p> <p>(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.</p> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za’tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Kifl Haris town and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Bidya town and Mas’ha village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish Pesach holiday in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al ‘Auja village with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu’mān 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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.. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Kfar ‘Etzion settlement, searched civilians and vehicles, detained Al Muntasser Billah Mustafa Abu ‘Arqoub, and released him at 20:05 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). (ii) At 21:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:20. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided Al ‘Ubeidiya town and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:10. (ii) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided Al Khadr town and patrolled the area until 19:30. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 09:15, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint arrested Wael Husni Qutteineh. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish Pesach holiday in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

<p style="text-align: center;">Hebron</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close 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. • <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 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Kiryat Arba' settlement in the old city of Hebron, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Farsh al Hawa area north of Hebron (along Road # 35) and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Ummar town and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 07:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> At 11:15, the Israeli army raided Hebron city, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 16:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near Kiryat Arba' settlement in the old city of Hebron arrested Salman Abdullah al 'Atawneh. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the Jewish Pesach holiday in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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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. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011.
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 holiday.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul 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.
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 (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow access to civilians, patients, and those holding visas and residence cards abroad to depart the Gaza Strip. In addition to allowing access to civilians and patients, who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals, five tonnes of medicine as well as medical supplies donated by Qatar were transported through the Crossing. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed due to the Jewish Pesach holiday.