### مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



#### PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 20 April 2011 – 08:00 21 April 2011

#### **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A 9-year-old boy severely beaten
Injury	1	_	1	A civilian in Silwan, Jerusalem
Attacks	4		4	1 in a raid and 3 during confrontations
Raids	28	_	28	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 5 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	4		4	Incl. 1 in Tubas and 2 in Hebron
Detentions	16	_	16	Incl. female civilian & 3 security officers
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	House doors in Ramallah and Jericho
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A civilian's ID card in Bethlehem
House Occupations	4	_	4	All converted into military posts
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	34	_	34	Incl. 7 in Qalqiliya and 11 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	_	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	The Ibrahimi Mosque closed, Hebron
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. a settlement outpost to be built
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Taking position near a security post
Demonstration	1	_	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Bethlehem
TOTAL	173	4	177	

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DISTRICT	EVENTS		
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ALL DISTRICTS	• 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> <li>Closure: <ul> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.</li> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Attack/Raid/Injury: In the evening of 20 April 2011, the Israeli army raided Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city and prevented civilians from</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul>		

organising the Palestine Literature event. Palestinian, European and Egyptian literary figures, scholars and activists were to take part in the event. Allegedly for throwing stones, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear grenades on participants, injuring a civilian. Other civilians

Flying Checkpoint: At 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at

also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.

the entrance to Biddu town and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul> <li>Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ar Ram town.</li> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village and the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.</li> <li>Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Silwad town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Kafr Malik and Deir Jarir villages and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Raids/Destruction of Property: <ol> <li>At 00:50, the Israeli army raided El Bireh town and searched two houses. Of these, the Israeli army destroyed the door of a house belonging to Fawwaz Abu Ali. The Israeli army also arrested a civilian and withdrew at 02:50.</li> <li>At 02:20, the Israeli army raided Kharbatha al Misbah village and searched a poultry farm.</li> <li>Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Qatamesh in El Bireh city.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.</li> </ol> </li> </ol></li></ul>
JENIN	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
TUBAS	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Raid: At 16:00, the Israeli army 'Ein al Beida village, searched a house, and arrested a civilian.</li> </ul>

	• Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 'Adnan Ahmed Salem Abu Zuhour in 'Ein al Beida village.
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>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.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids: At 17:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in Tulkarem city and Al Jarushiya village.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ol> </li></ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints/Detention: <ol> <li>At 09:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:40.</li> <li>At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to 'Azzun town on the road connecting Qalqiliya and Qalqiliya districts and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:45.</li> <li>At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village, detained Ramez Ahmed, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him at a later time.</li> <li>At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</li> <li>At 10:30, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city, took position in front of a Palestinian National Security headquarters, detained two National Security officers, and released them at a later time. The Israeli army also raided a restaurant.</li> <li>At 22:00, the Israeli army raided An Nabi Elyas village and searched a number of houses.</li> <li>At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town as well as 'Izbat at Tabib and 'Asla villages.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

• <u>Detention</u>: At 16:20, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to 'Azzun 'Atma village detained Ni'mah Saleh Mouqidi, a resident of Az Zawiya town, while she was travelling to her land behind the Wall despite the fact that she possessed an access permit. Israeli troops released Ni'mah at 18:50 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

#### Wall Gates:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

# (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:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians.
- (ii) At 13:40, and again at 01:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	(iii) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	Beit Dajan village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iv) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	Salem village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(v) At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	'Awarta village and denied civilian access.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Sabastiya village and provided
	protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who visited the archaeological
	site in the village. At 14:30, Israeli troops and settlers withdrew from
	the village.
	(ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided Nablus city and provided protection to
	a group of Israeli settlers, who visited Prophet Joseph Shrine.
	• Settler Violence/Raid/House Occupation:
	(i) At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers pursued and attempted to assault 17-
	year-old Omar Ahmed Yamin, while he was tending sheep west of Til
	village. Yamin managed to flee.
	(ii) At 11:10, a group of Israeli settlers attacked a house belonging to
	Bashir Hamdi in the vicinity of Burin village. Civilians confronted settlers. Later, the Israeli army raided the village, occupied the roof of
	an uninhabited house, and converted it into a military post.  (iii) On 20 April 2011, a group of Israeli settlers installed three caravans and
	erected three tents on civilian land on Ar Rajab hill in 'Awarta village.
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	Having installed electricity lamp posts, settlers also began to prepare
	needed infrastructure in an attempt to construct a settlement outpost, which they called "Regev", in the area.
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	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(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 Brugin 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
SALFIT	open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The
	entrance had been closed for seven years.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede
	civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.
	• Raid: At 08:00, the Israeli army raided Az Zawiya town and patrolled it
	until 10:00.
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction was resumed in the area north of Deir
	Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
	• Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90
JERICHO	between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.
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#### • Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 90 in the centre of Al 'Auja village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 03:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid/Attack/Destruction of Property: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in Jericho city and fired sound grenades, while it was raiding and searching two houses. Of these, Israeli troops destroyed the door of a house belonging to Jihad ash Sharif. Israeli troops also served a summons on Yousef Ahmed Khalil Abu Dahouk to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 03:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

#### • Closure:

- (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 southeastern area of the village.
- (ii) Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 *dunums* of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities.
- 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..

#### • Raids/Detentions/Confiscation of Property:

- (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided Husan village and patrolled the area until 12:40.
- (ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Ubeidiya town.
- (iii) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Um Rukba area in Al Khadr town.
- (iv) At 18:55, the Israeli army raided Artas village, detained three civilians (brothers), and released them after confiscating a civilian's ID card:
  - (i) Sameh Jamil Balboul;
  - (ii) Saed Jamil Balboul; and
  - (iii) Sajed Jamil Balboul.

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- (v) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided Tuqu' town and patrolled the area until 23:55.
- (vi) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided Beit Jala city and Ad Doha town and patrolled them until 02:30.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration on the Church of Nativity square in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Protestors also demanded that all prisoners be released from Israeli jails.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

#### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates.
- (ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evacuated residents and denied civilian access to the area.

#### Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bani Na'im town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:00, and again at 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit 'Einun town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 09:00, and again at 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town).
- (iv) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Tareq Ibn Ziyad School in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 11:15, and again at 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up two flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to Sa'ir town and the other on Al Fawwar junction, and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### Hebron

- (vii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Farsh al Hawa area north of Hebron city (along Road # 35) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 10:30, Israeli troops fired tear gas grenades on students at Tareq Ibn Ziyad School in the old city of Hebron, allegedly for throwing stones.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: At 15:30, Israeli troops severely beat nine-year-old Ihsan Shaher as Salaymeh in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions.
- Raids:
- (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
- (ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Halhul town.
- (iii) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Adh Dhahiriya town. Meanwhile, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 23:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iv) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided Idhna town and searched a house.
- (v) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided Beit 'Awwa town, searched a house, and arrested two civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Beit 'Awwa town:
- (i) Ala' Suweiti; and
- (ii) Yousef Suweiti.
- House Occupations: At 11:30, Israeli troops occupied and converted into
  military posts the roofs of three houses overlooking Road # 60 near the
  junctions to Bani Na'im town and Beit 'Einun village as well as near Kiryat
  Arba' settlement.
- Attack on Religious Site: On 20 April 2011, the Israeli army closed the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and denied access to worshippers, allegedly to allow Israeli settlers to celebrate and perform religions rituals on the Pesach (Passover) occasion.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

#### ALL DISTRICTS

• 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

• Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank

GAZA	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.</li> </ul>	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians to depart to Saudi Arabia to perform 'Umrah (minor pilgrimage) in Mecca city. Access was also allowed to civilians and patients, who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to transporting 38 truckloads of animal feed, a truckload of flowers was exported through the Crossing.</li> </ul>	