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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 21 April 2011 – 08:00 22 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	—	1	1	A farmer on his land, Northern Gaza
Attacks	3	3	6	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	16	2	18	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 4 in Tubas
Air Patrols	—	2	2	Reconnaissance, Gaza & Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	6	—	6	Incl. 2 in Tulkarem and 2 in Nablus
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Land Levelling	1	2	3	In Salfit, Gaza, and Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	—	8	8	Incl. electricity generators & barracks
Confiscation of Property	3	—	3	ID cards, incl. of security officers
Attack on Property	1	—	1	A civilian not to plough his land
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	43	—	43	Incl. 13 in Qalqiliya and 8 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	44	—	44	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
School Disruption	1	—	1	A school raided in Hebron
Attacks on Religious Site	2	—	2	Incl. gaining access to Al Aqsa Mosque
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. a child severely beaten
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Salfit
TOTAL	171	22	193	

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 Ikksa 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 Bared from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikksa 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: In the morning of 21 April 2011, a group of Israeli settlers gained access, under protection of Israeli Police officers, to the grounds of Al Aqsa Mosque compound through the Morocco Gate and made a tour around its 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a civilian. (ii) At 22:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Deir as Sudan village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bir Zeit town as well as Abu Qash and Surda villages. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the overpass to 'Atara town arrested Haytham Mahmoud Suhweil. • Settler Violence: At 14:35, a group of Israeli settlers gathered near 'Ein Qiniya village and threw stones at civilians. • 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.
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. • Raids: At 23:25, the Israeli army raided 'Aqqaba and Tammun towns as well as Tayasir and Al Far'a villages. While patrolling 'Aqqaba town, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:55, the Israeli army withdrew from these areas.
TULKAREM	<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 road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Checkpoint: At 19:35, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road and impeded civilian access until 20:35. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qaffin town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Bizzariya village east 'Anabta town and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:50. (iii) At 20:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Ar Ras village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 21 April 2011, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem city, searched a house, and arrested two civilians. (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided Qaffin town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Tulkarem city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Fayez 'Afanah; and (ii) 'Adnan Nafe' at Tawil. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<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/Confiscation of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:20, and again at 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 10:45, and again at 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 11:10, and again at 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Jinsafut village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Far'ata village, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a civilian and two security officers, including a security officer's wife. Having seized their ID cards, Israeli troops released all detained persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Issam Mahmoud Bahnajawi, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Ahmed Abdullatif Mohammed at Tawil, a Palestinian National Security officer; and his wife (iii) Samah 'Odeh Abdul Khaleq at Tawil.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:20, the Israeli army raided ‘Azzun town, set up four checkpoints at its entrances, denied civilian access to the town, and withdrew at 21:00. • <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. (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.
NABLUS	<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 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: <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. (iii) At 08:20, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at Huwwara checkpoint. (iv) At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at Shavei Shomron checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Shavei Shomron settlement and searched civilians until 10:15. (iii) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Yatma village, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested two civilians. (iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Burin village and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qabalan town and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Salem, Deir al Hatab, and 'Azmut and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:40. (vii) At 21:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (viii) At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided Sabastiya village and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who visited the village's archaeological site. Meantime, Israeli settlers severely beat 17-year-old Shadi Basel Mousa, who was transported to hospital for treatment of contusions sustained. At 13:25, Israeli troops and settlers withdrew from the area. (ii) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided Qusin village and excavated land near a civilian house. (iii) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided Beit Furik town and patrolled it until 00:45. • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near Yatma village arrested two civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhsen Ahmed 'Awwadeh Sanawbar; and (ii) Mas'oud Mahmoud Fayez Sanawbar. • Settler Violence: At 12:50, a group of Israeli settlers gained access, under the protection of Israeli troops, to a water spring east of Deir al Hatab village and withdrew at a later time.
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: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Salfit city and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00. • <u>Attack on Property:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army prevented Bilal Qasem Shuqeir from ploughing his land behind the Wall in Az Zawiya town. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army levelled civilian land in the area between Yakir and Nofim settlements in Deir Istiya town for construction of a road junction to both settlements. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 20:00, a mass demonstration took place in Salfit city in solidarity with political prisoners. Protestors demanded that all prisoners be released from Israeli jails. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<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 Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, and again at 11:00, and at 16:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 17:25, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road near Al 'Auja checkpoint.
BETHLEHEM	<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'man 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 Checkpoint:</u> At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:50. • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army raided Beit Fajjar town and patrolled it until 11:00. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol 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> <ol 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. (iv) At 13:25, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the detour road connecting Road # 35 and Haram ar Rama area north of Hebron city. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, and again at 18:00, 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. (ii) At 09:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit 'Einun village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Adh Dhahiriya town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 10:10, and again at 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Ummar town and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> At 14:00, and again at 21:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town. • <u>Arrest:</u> At dawn on 22 April 2011, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Shakir az Zughayyir in Ash Sheikh neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 10:15, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron detained and denied access to staff of the <i>Al Ahlam</i> Theatre of the Youth and Childhood Dreams Society for Culture and Arts. Theatre staff were to perform a play at the Al Ibrahimiya School in the old city of Hebron. • <u>School Disruption/Attack:</u> At 10:30, Israeli troops raided Tareq Ibn Ziyad School in the old city of Hebron and fired sound and tear gas grenades on students. Israeli troops also detained Husam Bassam al ‘Amouri and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). At 11:05, Israeli troops withdrew from the area. • <u>Attack on Religious Site:</u> Beginning on 20 April 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron and to deny access to worshippers, allegedly to allow Israeli settlers to celebrate and perform religious rituals on the Pesach (Passover) occasion. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">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. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire in Gaza and Khan Yunis districts. The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilians and property in Northern Gaza district, injuring a civilian.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> 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. • <u>Attack/Injury:</u> In the evening of 21 April 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on a number of Palestinian farmers, while they were working on their land north of Beit Lahiya town. A farmer sustained a bullet wound in the stomach.
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <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. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Destruction of Property: In the morning of 21 April 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing east of Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood east of Gaza city. The Israeli army opened intensive fire, while it was levelling land and destroying installations in Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone. Destroyed property included electricity generators, a factory belonging to UNIPAL Company, an iron warehouse, and a number of barracks.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the afternoon of 21 April 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided almost 300 metres into Palestinian territory east of 'Abasan al Kabira and Khuza'a towns. While levelling land cultivated with wheat and malt crops, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property. As a result, electricity was cut off to eastern quarters in Khan Yunis city.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing 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 was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. Cement and construction iron designated to UNRWA was also transported through the Crossing.