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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 23 April 2010 – 08:00 24 April 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten, Ramallah
Attacks	4	1	5	4 during confrontations & 1 from post
Raids	13	—	13	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 2 in Tulkarem
Arrest (per person)	1	—	1	A civilian at a Wall gate in Qalqiliya
Detentions	16	—	16	Incl. a journalist and 2 peace activists
Wall Construction	22	—	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	2*	—	2	Incl. notices to destroy 5 houses
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 6 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. 4 areas in the city of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	40	—	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing open partially
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. civilian houses stoned in Nablus
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	Fire opened on an Israeli patrol, Gaza
Demonstrations	7	—	7	Incl. against settler violence and Wall
TOTAL	**158**	**8**	**166**	

DISTRICT	EVENTS

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** (i) On 23 April 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Excluding those holding Israeli-issued ID cards, the Israeli army denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (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. • **Checkpoints:** (i) 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. (ii) Beginning on 11 April 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem and to deny civilian access between 23:00 and 05:00. Claiming to be carrying out infrastructure works between the checkpoint and the road leading to Shu'fat refugee camp, the checkpoint will be closed for two and a half weeks. • **Demonstration:** In the evening of 23 April 2010, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement activity and settlers' seizure of civilian houses. • **Wall Gates:** (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. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 04:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Physical Assault:** Israeli troops severely beat Abdul 'Aziz Abdul Ra'ouf Abdul 'Aziz while he was present inside the Green Line, leaving him with contusions. At 10:20, Abdul 'Aziz was admitted to Ramallah Public Hospital for medical treatment. • **Raids:** At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. Having detained guests outside, the Israeli army searched a hotel and took photographs of rooms in the city of El Bireh. At 04:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions:** (i) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians, including a female civilian and a journalist. Another 2 international peace activists sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also detained 4 protestors, including 2 peace activists, as well as 1 journalist and released them at a later time. (ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians. Also, 2 participants sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.

	(iii) At 16:00, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih against settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. A number of protestors were also wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • **Raid:** At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Faqqu'a. • **Wall Gates:** (i) 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. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army closed Wall Gate # 300 leading to the village of Dhahr al Malih and Um ar Rihan behind the Wall and denied civilian access. It should be noted that the Israeli army closes the Gate at 19:30 every day. At 21:45, the Israeli army reopened the Gate on an exceptional basis to allow civilians access their houses.
TUBAS	• **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 town of Tubas. • **Raid/Detentions:** At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Bardala, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. The Israeli army also detained 4 children, allegedly because they had set up a stone barricade on Road # 90, and released them at a later time. At 23:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	• **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • **Raids:** (i) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Atti. • **Detention:** At 18:25, Israeli troops detained 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer at 'Einav checkpoint and released them at a later time: (i) Ala' Adib, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer; and (ii) Ja'far Ridha 'Awartani. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

QALQILYA	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:00, and again at 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Elyas and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Azzun and the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 19:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. • **Arrest:** At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at Wall Gate # 109 near the village of Habla arrested 'Atef Rashed 'Odeh. • **Wall Gates:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. (ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Wall gate to the village of Ras 'Atiya and thoroughly searched female civilians. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	• **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 southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin. • **Checkpoints:** 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 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Beit Iba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 23:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • **Settler Violence:** At 19:50, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bracha gained access into the eastern outskirts of the village of Burin and threw stones at civilian houses. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:30. (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik and searched civilian vehicles. • **Demonstration:** At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan in protest against settler violence and land confiscation for construction of settlement projects. • **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 Ariel.
JERICHO	• **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. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00.

	(ii)	The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.
BETHLEHEM		• **Closure:** (i) 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. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunum*s (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala and the town of Al Khadr. • **Demonstrations:** (i) At 13:10, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Walaja in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops obstructed the demonstration and prevented participants from accessing sites where the Israeli army levels land for the completion of Wall construction. (ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. Having obstructed the demonstration, Israeli troops denied access to participants to the Wall construction site. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.
HEBRON		• **Closure:** (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 an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, controlling civilian access in the area.

(ii)   Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

- **Closure of Main Roads:**

(i)   The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

(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 with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.

- **Flying Checkpoints:**

(i)   At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna. At 16:00, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:10.

(ii)   At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Hawawir (the northern entrance to the town of Halhul) and searched civilians and vehicles.

(iii)   At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.

(iv)   At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids:**

(i)   At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Kahil.

(ii)   At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.

(iii)   At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar Ramadin, searched 4 houses, and withdrew at 23:45.

- **Destruction of Property:** On 22 April 2010, the Israeli army distributed notices to 5 civilians to evacuate their makeshift houses in the village of Ma'in and area of Shi'b al Butm east of the town of Yatta.

- **Settler Violence:**

(i)   At 17:30, a group of Israeli settlers broke windshields of 2 civilian vehicles, which civilians were attending the funeral of a child, in the area of Al Karantina. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settler from the area.

(ii)   A group of Israeli settlers gained access to the village of Khirbet al Baqqar northwest of the town of Halhul and withdrew at a later time..

- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

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 for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. **Violation of the Ceasefire:** (i) The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilian houses and property in the district of Gaza. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol along the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	**Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	**Closure of Crossing Points**: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. **Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:** At 17:50, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	**Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.