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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 24 April 2009 – 08:00 25 April 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	7	—	7	Incl. protestors beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	45	—	45	Incl. 31 in Ramallah and 10 Nablus
Attacks	7	—	7	6 during confrontations and 1 by settlers
Raids	25	—	25	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem and 6 in Nablus
Arrests (per person)	9	—	9	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 4 in Jenin
Detentions	20	—	20	Incl. several Palestinian security officers
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A sum of ILS 4,000 (approx. \$995)
Closure of Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya, Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	53	—	53	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 19 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Only Karm Abu Salem partially open
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Access gained into several civilian areas
Demonstrations	4	—	4	Against the Wall and house demolitions
TOTAL	230	6	236	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
WEST BANK	
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 24 April 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians above 45 years of age to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) 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). (iii) Beginning on 02 April 2009, the Israeli army has continued 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: <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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Jib and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Sur Bahir and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Saed Farah in the village of Al Jib. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Mousa 'Atwan in the town of Sur Bahir. • Demonstration: At 13:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in a sit-in tent in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli military orders for evacuation of civilian houses. The Israeli authorities intend to demolish these houses and construct settlements.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 23:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Jalazun refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Detention/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit. While patrolling the area, confrontations took between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Liqya. Confrontations took between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jifna and raided as well as searched a restaurant. The Israeli army also, detained 'Imad Jum'ah 'Ayesh, severely beat him, and released him at a later time. Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Jifna: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shadi Abdullah Safi; (ii) Yousef Abu as Saber; and (iii) Faris as Sous. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 25 civilians, including 2 journalists. The Israeli army also injured an Israeli peace activist. Other civilians also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.

	<p>(ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 6 civilians. In addition, a number of protestors were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
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 the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Ya'bad and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Zububa and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Faquq'a, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians. (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Anin. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Faquq'a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdullah Ahmed Hussein Sarhan; (ii) Abdul Karim Mohammed 'Athamneh; (iii) Habeeb 'Athamneh; and (iv) Yasser Mohammed 'Athamneh. • 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: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.
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 western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Lid and the village of Saffarin and patrolled these areas until 17:10. (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta and the village of Kafr al Labad. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. (ii) Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the northern entrance to the town of ‘Azzun with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Detention:</u> At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of ‘Azzun, searched civilians and vehicles, detained Ashraf Ahmed Mahmoud Sukkar, and released him at 20:50. • <u>Raids:</u> At 19:00, and again at 16:10, and at 00:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif. (ii) Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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 cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00. • <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 neighborhood only.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to allow Palestinians holding Israeli-issued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through Beit Furik checkpoint and Biet Iba iron gate. Additionally, the Israeli army allows free access to physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus. (iii) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus. (iv) Having removed Beit Iba checkpoint, the Israeli army installed an iron gate near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. The iron gate is open everyday between 05:00 and 24:00 to allow civilian access without permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Beit Iba (along the Nablus-Jenin main road) and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:25. (ii) At 07:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Qusin and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya. (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army raided the villages of Yasid and Beit Imrin and patrolled the area until 15:30. (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Talfit and patrolled the area until 17:25. (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qusra and searched 1 house. • <u>Settler Violence/Raid/Attacks/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into a plain in the village of Al ‘Aqrabaniya and used maps, while they were roaming the area. (ii) At 18:15, a group of Israeli settlers attacked the village of ‘Urif and opened intensive fire towards civilians and houses. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the village and opened fire towards civilians, who attempted to confront settlers. As a results, Israeli troops and settlers injured 9 civilians, including 2 children, as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Having evacuated settlers, the Israeli army withdrew from the area at 19:45.
SALFIT	<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 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 07:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Yasuf and patrolled the area until 16:40. • Detention/Confiscation of Property: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Rafeeq Ahmed Abdul Rahman, confiscated a sum of ILS 4,000 (approximately USD 995), and released him at 15:00. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army closed Al Hamra checkpoint and denied civilian access until 20:30. • Physical Assaults: At 13:35, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho detained and beat 3 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wael Abu Shanab; (ii) Sameh Dreidi; and (iii) Hussein Hamdan. • Detentions: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint detained a number of Palestinian security officers, while they were travelling to the city of Jericho to attend a training course. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released all detained officers.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <i>dunums</i> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 18:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) and impeded civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Tuqu’ and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:50. (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jannata and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 03:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 17:10, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 19:00. • <u>Detention:</u> At 08:00, Israeli troop positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint detained Yousef Mohammed Shakir Subeih, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the evacuated post of ‘Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. At 09:45, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <u>Demonstration/Attack/Physical Assaults/Injuries:</u> At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma’sara in protest against Wall construction. The Israeli army blocked the demonstration and severely beat protestors, leaving 4 civilians, including a child, with injuries and contusions. Additionally, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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 Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada’ Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.

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| | <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; 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 Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street leading to the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(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 bypass Road # 60.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the Farsh Al Hawa junction to Road # 35, which leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of 'Abda and Khirbet Karma.</p> <p>(vi) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks a side road along Road # 35 in the area of Wadi Qeizun near the overpass to the town of Halhul (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron).</p> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 01:45.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</p> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <p>(i) At 10:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the area of Al Jumjuma in the vicinity of the town of Halhul. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 17:00, a group of Israeli settlers riding motorcycles gained access into the area of Al 'Uddeisa between the towns of Sa'ir and Bani Na'im.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <p>(i) Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal and in the area between southeast of the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin and the village of Imneizil.</p> |
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	(ii) Beginning on 20 April 2009, land levelling for Wall construction has continued in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkelot southwest of the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
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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 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.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
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"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.