مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 24 April 2010 – 08:00 25 April 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	5	6	Incl. a female peace activist and a child
Attacks	2	2	4	2 during confrontations & 2 from posts
Raids	20	_	20	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 5 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	2	_	2	2 civilians in the district of Hebron
Detentions	12	_	12	Incl. 3 international peace activists
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A vehicle's windshield in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 4 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	_	7	7	All crossing points closed
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. a house attacks and civilian beaten
Demonstrations	3	1	4	Incl. against settler violence in Nablus
TOTAL	114	15	129	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
- (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 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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalandiya refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim and searched civilians and vehicles.

• 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.

JERUSALEM

	• Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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: 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. 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. Raids: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana and patrolled these areas until 03:15. Settler Violence: At 18:!5, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Halamish threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road near the settlement, breaking the windshield of a vehicle. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. Raids: At 15:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of As Suweitat in the city of Jenin. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida and the village of Misliya. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bir al Basha. 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	 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 17:40, and again at 23:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bardala.

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. 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. Flving Checkpoints/Detention: At 08:50, and again at 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of 'Izbat at Tabib on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. At 11:20, and again at 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Elyas on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained Mahmoud Hamed Nazzal and released him at a later time. At 21:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Ras Tira and Ad Dab'a. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and served summonses to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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: 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. The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. 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.

	• <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.
	• Raid: At 10:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Iraq
	Burin.
	• <u>Demonstration/Attack</u> : At 13:40, a mass demonstration, including
	international peace activists, took place in the village of 'Iraq Burin in
	protest against Israeli settler violence and land confiscation for construction
	Israeli settlement projects. Subsequently, Israeli troops obstructed the
	demonstration and fired tear gas and sound grenades towards protestors.
	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.
SALFIT	• Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and
	impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.
	• Raid: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan
	and patrolled the area until 01:30.
	Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.
	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
JERICHO	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.

The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of (i) An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has (ii) continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (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 **BETHLEHEM** village of Khirbet al Baq'a. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, 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. Raids: At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and patrolled (i) the area until 02:30. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. 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 **HEBRON** entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, controlling civilian access in the area. Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the (ii) 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 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Burj and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of Hebron along Road # 35 and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:20.

• Raids:

- (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house.
- (ii) At 12:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar Ramadin and searched 1 house.
- (iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and searched a number of houses.
- (iv) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar Rihiya, searched 1 house, served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 02:35.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 11:05, a group of Israeli settlers attacked a civilian house in the area of Johar Mount in the old city of Hebron and severely beat Younes 'Isa Idris, the house owner, leaving him with contusions. As a result, Idris was transported to hospital for medical treatment. Settlers also detained Idris' family members inside the house and withdrew at 02:35.

• Demonstrations/Attack/Injury/Detentions:

- (i) At 15:30, a mass sit-in demonstration, including international peace activists, took place on agricultural land in the town of Beit Ummar near the settlement of Karmei Tzur in protest against settler violence. Participants demanded that civilians be allowed access to tend their land. The Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards protestors, injuring a child. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians.
- (ii) At 16:10, a mass sit-in demonstration, including international peace activists, took place at the entrance to Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron in protest against Israeli settlement activity and continued closure of the Street. The Israeli army detained 1 civilian participant as well as 3 international peace activists.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:
- (i) Iyad Jamil Ahmed al 'Alami; and
- (ii) Mohammed Khalil Mahmoud Abu Dayyeh.

• Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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

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 ALL February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the **DISTRICTS** ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilians and property in the districts of Central Gaza and Rafah. **NORTHERN** Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. GAZA **Closure of Crossing Points:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (i) GAZA Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January (ii) 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Attack/Injuries: In the morning of 24 April 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp towards participants in a mass demonstration, protesting **CENTRAL** against the seam zone along the Border Fence. The Israeli army injured 5 **GAZA** civilians as well as an international female peace activist. It should be noted that the Israeli army prevents farmers and landlords from accessing and tending their land in this area. **KHAN YUNIS** Activities not reported. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (i) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (ii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iii) **RAFAH** Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. (iv) Attack: In the morning of 24 April 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land and civilian houses east of the town of Ash Shoka.