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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 24 April 2011 – 08:00 25 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	4	—	4	3 in Nablus and 1 in Hebron
Attacks	4	1	5	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 by navy boats
Raids	9	—	9	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya and 3 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	5	—	5	Incl. a civilian vehicle set on fire
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. a checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. 4 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. food supplies and aid allowed
School Disruption	1	—	1	A school roof occupied in Nablus
Settler Violence	14	—	14	Incl. a 65-year-old civilian beaten
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Taking position near a Police station
TOTAL	151	5	156	

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. • Settler Violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, an armed Israeli settler opened indiscriminate fire on civilian houses on the main street in Wadi al Joz neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, allegedly because stones had been thrown at his vehicle. (ii) At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilians and sprayed gas in the eyes of three children in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in Jerusalem city.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. (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 suspended for the weekend in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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 Checkpoint: At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Turmus'ayya town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Settler Violence: At 08:05, a group of Israeli settlers gained access, under protection of Israeli troops, to the evacuated Yad Ya'ir military post in the area between Ramallah city and 'Ein Qiniya village. At 09:30, Israeli settlers and troops withdrew from the area. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<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. • Raid: At 23:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Aqqaba town.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • 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> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to ‘Izbat at Tabib town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to ‘Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hajja village. (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled ‘Azzun town. (iii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided Jayyus town. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army arrested two children. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate near ‘Asla village arrested Hamad Saber Suleiman, a resident of the village. The Israeli army arrested two children in Jayyus town: (ii) Mohammed Wasfi Yousef Khaled, 16 years old; and (iii) Ahmed Mohammed Kamel al Khatib, 15 years old. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol 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.
- **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.
 - (iii) At 12:45, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time.
 - (iv) At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Shavei Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 08:45, and again at 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to Nablus city) and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 18:50, and again at 06:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iv) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and impeded civilian access.
 - (v) At 19:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Yitzhar settlement and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (vi) At 05:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 06:00.
 - **Raids/House Occupation:**
 - (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided Furush Beit Dajan village and searched a house.
 - (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the eastern quarters of Nablus city and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who visited Prophet Joseph Shrine. The Israeli army also occupied the roofs of a school and house, converted them into military posts, and withdrew at 06:00.
 - **Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:**
 - (i) At 08:00, a group of Israeli settlers gathered near the entrance to Beit Furik town and threw stones at civilian vehicles.

	<p>(ii) At 12:40, a group of armed Israeli settlers gathered near the entrance to Burin village and set fire to a vehicle belonging to Marwan Mustafa Yaseen an Najjar.</p> <p>(iii) At 12:50, a group of Israeli settlers gathered near Huwwara checkpoint and threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road, injuring three civilians, including a child:</p> <p>(i) ‘Ammar Saqf al Heit;</p> <p>(ii) Yazan ‘Ammar Saqf al Heit, 12 years old; and</p> <p>(iii) Mahmoud Fat’hi Nassar.</p> <p>All injured civilians were transported to hospital for medical treatment. Furthermore, Israeli settlers caused damage to two civilian vehicles.</p> <p>(iv) At 14:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained entry into a stone quarry on the outskirts of Burin village and severely beat its owner Bassam Hasan Saleh, leaving him with contusions. Settlers also caused damage to equipment inside the stone quarry.</p> <p>(v) At 14:55, a group of Israeli settlers pursued and attempted to assault farmers in the vicinity of ‘Awarta village.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the 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. • Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: (i) At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers gathered on the overpass to Iskaka village and threw stones at civilian vehicles. At 20:00, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. (ii) At 18:00, a group of Israeli settlers gathered near the junction to Haris village and threw stones at civilian vehicles. (iii) At 18:30, a group of Israeli settlers gathered near Yasuf village and threw stones at civilian vehicles, breaking windshield of a vehicle belonging to Usamah Shihdeh, a resident of Salfit city. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al ‘Auja village with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. • Settler Violence: At 09:10, a group of Israeli settlers gathered near the junction to Al 'Auja village, threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the main road, and withdrew at 09:45.
<p>BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Kfar 'Etzion settlement on the Bethlehem-Hebron main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Detention: At 08:25, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Ibrahim Huneihen, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
<p>Hebron</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(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.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) Beginning on 21 April 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades the detour road connecting Road # 35 and Haram ar Rama area north of Hebron city. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:15, and again at 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Ash Sheikh neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, Israeli troops positioned near the entrance to Al ‘Arrub refugee camp fire rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. (ii) At 03:10, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire and fired sound grenades, while it was raiding and searching civilian houses in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ummar town. (ii) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided Idhna town, took position in front of the town’s Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 16:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:50, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat 65-year-old Mohammed Rajab Abdul Hafith ar Rajabi in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions and bleeding stomach. (ii) At 19:50, a group of Israeli settlers sprayed gas in the faces of Reem Maswadeh and her son, Karim Ibrahim Maswadeh, along Ash Shuhada’ Street in the old city of Hebron, leaving them with wounds as a result of gas inhalation. Both the mother and the son were admitted to hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the Northern Gaza beach.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. • Attack: At dawn on 24 April 2011, the Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of Beit Lahiya town.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnel) 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.
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 was open to allow civilians, students, and others holding visas and residence cards abroad to depart the Gaza Strip. 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. In addition to transporting 15 truckloads of wheat to Gaza, a truckload of flowers was exported through the Crossing.