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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
 08:00, 26 April 2009 – 08:00, 27 April 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	—	2	1 in Ramallah & 1 in Hebron districts
Arrests (per person)	19	1	20	Incl. 3 children & 2 brothers
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. impede the passage of Nab. governor
Raids	31	2	33	Incl. 3 on Ramallah & 2 on Jerusalem
Closure of Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 1 in Nablus
Attacks	2	2	4	2 by raids & 2 by confrontations
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Detaining a civil police vehicle
Wall Construction	21	—	21	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	53	—	53	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 2 in Jerusalem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossings
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Severely beat 2 civilians (brothers)
Pal. Security Measures	3	—	3	Handing over explosives to the Israeli side
TOTAL	180	9	189	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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. • Beginning at 24:00 on 26 April 2009, the Israeli army imposed full closure on West Bank districts on the 61st anniversary of the state of Israel, prevented civilians and workers from entering the city of Jerusalem and crossing the Green Line, with the exception of previously coordinated humanitarian cases. The closure will continue until 24:00 on 29 April 2009.
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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall, according to a set of land confiscation orders, for the construction of the Wall around the city of Jerusalem to prevent civilians from entering the city, with the exception of civilians living in the area and those holding permits. Entry is regulated through crossings and gates set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, as designated in the military order. (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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 in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Aqab, located north of Jerusalem city. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalandiya refugee camp.
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	<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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, and south of Beit Hanina village.
<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 eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith 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 07:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the settlement of Halmish and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Rantis where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army injuring a civilian. (ii) At 14:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. Again at 04:15, the Israeli army raided the area, searched a building and arrested a civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested in El Bireh city the civilian Adham Muhammad Abdulrazaq Abu Hashem. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of ‘Abud and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to ‘Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • 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;">TOUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.

<p>TULKAREM</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 dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr Dan to the village of Shofeh. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • <u>Raid:</u> At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarm city. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p>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 the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. (ii) Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the northern entrance to the town of Azzun. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Azzun where confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area. (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 5 houses and a shop for selling vehicle spare parts and arrested 2 civilians. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum and searched a house. (iv) At 04:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Hajja, searched 2 houses and arrested a civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in the city of Qalqiliya the civilians Mahmoud Muhammad Nimr Abu Zaid and Bilal Abu Khadijah. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Hajja the civilian Ahmad Abdulhadi Tayoun. • <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 detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab’a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.

NABLUS

- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrances to the villages of Qaryut and Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement.
 - (ii) Passage through the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron on Jenin-Nablus road is allowed daily from 06:00 until 21:00.
- **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
 - (i) At Tur neighborhood 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.
 - (ii) Palestinian holders of Israeli IDs are allowed to enter with their vehicles into Nablus city through all its checkpoints. They are allowed to depart the city of Nablus through Beit Furik checkpoint and Beit Iba gate. Physicians who are residents of Nablus are also allowed passage with their vehicles without permits.
 - (iii) The Israeli army allowed residents from Nablus city who are above the age of 50 years to cross with their families and vehicles the checkpoints around the city without crossing permits.
 - (iv) The iron gate near the junction leading to the village of Deir Sharaf on Nablus-Tulkarm main road is opened daily from 05:00 to 24:00 for civilian access in both directions without access permits.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Iba town.
 - (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara, arrested a civilian, set up a flying checkpoint and stopped the vehicle carrying Dr. Jamal Muheisen, governor of Nablus district, and impeded his passage as he was heading to inaugurate Huwwara town hospital.
 - (iii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Sebastia village.
 - (iv) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya and the village of An Naqura.
 - (v) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the villages of Urif and Asira Al Qibliya and arrested 2 civilians in the village of Urif.
 - (vi) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Einabus.
 - (vii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus until 05:50.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Huwwara the civilian Ghassan Mahmoud Saleem Odeh. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Urif the civilians Isam and As'ad Najeh Sharif As-Safadi. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained a civil police vehicle while transporting a criminal prisoner to the city of Nablus. The Israeli army allowed the vehicle to pass at a later time following the intervention of military liaison.
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 Salfit city. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the town of Bruqin to the town of Kafr Ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 08:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bruqin town. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 02:00 on 26 April 2009, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children, during a raid on the town of Az Zawiyah, in addition to what has been mentioned in the previous report. They are: Ahmad Na'im Yousef, 17-year-old; Saddam Hatem Fares, 17-year-old; and Ihab Yaser Abu Qahhou. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> On 26 April 2009, the Palestinian side handed over to the Israeli side, via military liaison, an explosive belt, an explosive device and 4 bottles filled with fuel found in Salfit city. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the settlement of Vered Yerihu.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ein Ad Duyuk. • Raid: At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jericho until 03:10.
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) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As-Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to the city of Beit Jala. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the settlement of Kfar Etzion. (iii) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Taqu'a and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Khadr town. (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah and set up a flying checkpoint. (iii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Ubeidiya town. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr; northwest of Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-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.

- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 closing the area located near the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuating the area of those inside it and preventing civilians from entering it. This is the land confiscated for military purposes for Wall construction according to military orders # 03/05 and # 04/05.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
 - (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
 - (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.
 - (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the Iron Gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
 - (v) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the villages of Abdu, Khirbet Karma and Wadi Ash Shajina.
 - (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 leading to the town of Halhul (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron).
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the area of An Nabi Yunis (the eastern entrance to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Kharsa, prevented civilian access and withdrew at a later time.
 - **Raids:**
 - (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area. Again at 00:50, the Israeli army raided the area and searched a house.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Wadi Ash Shajina and arrested 7 civilians, including a child. (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nuba town. (iv) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city. (v) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Safafa and arrested a civilian. (vi) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and arrested a civilian. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Wadi Ash Shajina the civilians: Muhammad Isma'il Abu Arqoub, 17-year-old; Ali Issa Al Bustanji; Midhat Ibrahim Ash Shawahin; Saber Muhammad Al Bustanji; Raja'i Taleb Abu Arqoub; Yousef Nayef Abu Arqoub; and Ayesh Rawashdeh. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Khirbet Safafa the civilian Muhammad Sami Hasan Aadi. (iii) The Israeli army arrested in the town of As Samoa' the civilian Muhammad Hussein Shraiteh. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 15:50, a group of settlers from the settlement of Bat Ein severely beat 2 civilians (brothers) while working on their land near the town of Beit Ummar causing head injury to one of them and contusions to the other. Consequently, they were evacuated to hospital for treatment. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil. |
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. • The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by raiding Palestinian areas and opening fire in Khan Yunis district.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to allow the transport of fuel.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army arrested unknown civilian attempting to sneak inside Israel through the border fence in the periphery of Kissufim gate, east of Central Gaza.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided Palestinian areas east of Khuza'a town and clashed with armed Palestinian individuals. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided Palestinian areas east of Abasan As Saghira village and clashed with armed Palestinian individuals
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is open on exceptional basis for the departure of a Scottish delegation returning to its country. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open to allow entry of food and humanitarian supplies.