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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 April 2011 – 08:00 27 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	—	2	Incl. a female civilian in Salfit
Attacks	4	2	6	Incl. 3 in raids and 1 by settlers
Raids	29	1	30	Incl. 6 in Hebron and 1 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests (per Person)	3	—	3	Incl. a child and female civilian
Detentions	12	—	12	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Attacks on Property	2	—	2	Incl. land reclamation prevented
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 6 in Nablus and 3 in Jericho
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 gas allowed
Settler Violence	7	—	7	Incl. a tent erected on civilian land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Patrolling area near security offices
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Tulkarem
TOTAL	156	9	165	

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 was lifted at 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 Iksa 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 Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa 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. • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol 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 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Um Safa village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided Beituniya town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and school students. At 11:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the town. (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided Beitin village, searched a house, and arrested a child, ostensibly because he had thrown stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling along the settler bypass road near the village. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 14-year-old Ahmed Sameeh Naseef Ghannam in Beitin village. • Settler Violence: At 09:55, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to civilian farmland in Um Safa village. The Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area at a later time. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
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 Dotan settlement. • Raid: At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Silat adh Dhahr town. • 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: 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/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Air Patrol: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ein al Beida village. (ii) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tubas city. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area near Palestinian National Security and Civil Defence stations. The Israeli army also searched two houses, arrested a civilian, and withdrew at 03:15. (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided Bardala village, took photographs of a number of civilian houses, and withdrew at 14:00. (iv) At 24:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by combat helicopters, raided and combed Ath Thor Mountain area near Al Far'a village. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Adib Maslamani in Tubas city.

<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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qaffin town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Shufa village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in Tulkarem city and the towns of ‘Anabta, Deir al Ghusun, and Bal’a. (ii) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem city and opened fire, while it was patrolling the area. • Demonstration: At 11:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Tulkarem city in solidarity with their relative prisoners. Protestors also demanded that all prisoners be released from Israeli jails. • 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"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:30. (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:30. • Raids/Detentions: At 14:00, the Israeli army raided patrolled ‘Azzun town. The Israeli army detained several civilians and released them at a later time. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched a house. • Arrest: At 15:40, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate near Jayyus town arrested Safiyyah Mohammed Khureishah, a female civilian. • Wall Gates: <ul 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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: <ol 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 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 08:15, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Shavei Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access. (iv) At 20:15, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:05, and again at 19:40, and at 07:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the main road in Huwwara town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 21:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qabalan town and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:55. • Raids/Attack: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided Sabastiya village and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who visited the village's archaeological site. At 16:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 22:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nablus city. (iii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided 'Awarta village. While searching two houses, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:40, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to land near civilian houses north of Jamma'in town and Zeita Jamma'in village. (ii) At 16:50, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to and erected a tent on civilian land east of Deir al Hatab village. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. (iii) At 17:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to civilian land in the area between 'Urif and 'Asira al Qibliya villages.
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 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bidya town. (ii) At 14:40, the Israeli army raided Deir Istiya town and patrolled it until 15:00. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided Kifl Haris town and patrolled it until 00:45. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to civilian land north of Kifl Haris town. Israeli troops evacuated settlers at a later time. (ii) At 12:50, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to Wadi Qana area and threw stones at civilians, while they were working on their farmland. Two civilians, including a woman, sustained injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdul Karim Ahmed Mansour, 65 years old; and (ii) Hilwah Mansour, a 60-year-old female civilian. <p>At 14:15, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the main road in the centre of Al 'Auja village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 20:20, and again at 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ein ad Duyuk village (the northern entrance to Jericho city) and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 09:45, the Israeli army raided Fasayil village and patrolled the area until 12:00.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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.. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Harmala village. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road connecting Road # 35 and Haram ar Rama area north of Hebron city. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 11:35, and again at 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided Hebron city and served summonses on a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a house. (ii) At 11:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ar Ramadin village. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided Al ‘Arrub refugee camp and fired flares, while it was patrolling the area. (iv) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Ummar town. (v) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Surif town. • <u>Attacks on Property:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army prevented Abdul Qader Nimer al ‘Ajarmeh from reclaiming his farmland in the Injasat area near the Wall section west of Beit Ula town. The Israeli army also detained a bulldozer, while it was reclaiming land belonging to Khadher Taye’. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers opened indiscriminate fire on a number of children near the junction to Al Hawawir area north of Halhul town, allegedly for throwing stones. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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 army raided Palestinian territory and opened 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 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.

GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) 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"> • Attack: In the morning of 26 April 2011, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line on agricultural land east of Khuza'a town. • Raid/air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the morning of 26 April 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided approximately 200 metres into Palestinian territory east of Al Qarara town. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (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, 39 truckloads of animal feed and 10 truckloads of construction cargo designated to UNRWA projects were transported to Gaza.