

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 29 April 2009 – 08:00 30 April 2009

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. a civilian beaten inside Green Line
Attacks	2	—	2	During confrontations with civilians
Raids	21	—	21	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 4 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	5	—	5	Incl. a child and a high school student
Detentions	19	—	19	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	A taxi damaged and olive trees cut down
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a military post in Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Ramallah
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	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Notice to demolish a Christian shelter
Settler Violence	8	—	8	Incl. civilian vehicles stoned, Qalqiliya
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	2 Israeli citizens handed over, Tulkarem
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>152</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
<b>WEST BANK</b>	
<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Beginning at 24:00 on 26 April 2009, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the proclamation of the State of Israel. Only allowing access to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army prevented civilians and workers from entering the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line. The Israeli army lifted the closure at 24:00 on 29 April 2009.</li> </ul>
<b>JERUSALEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Beginning at 27 April 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians, ostensibly to provide protection to celebrations of the proclamation of the State of Israel.</li> <li>(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).</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> 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. At 08:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time.</li> <li>• <b>Attack on Religious Site:</b> On 29 April 2009, the Israeli army delivered a notice for the demolition of a 2-storey shelter on roof of the Church of the Armenian Orthodox in the old city of Jerusalem. The shelter was built to accommodate clergymen and priests arriving from the Vatican</li> </ul>

	<p>to the Holy Land.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel 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.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 11:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, including 2 at the eastern and western entrances to the village of Um Safa and 1 on the junction to the settlement of Halamish. The Israeli army also denied civilian access, claiming to be providing protection to Israeli settlers celebrating the proclamation of the State of Israel.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, searched 1 building, and arrested 3 civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Ni'lin. While patrolling the area, confrontations took between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the city of El Bireh.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>JENIN</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Road:</b> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>• <b>Physical Assault/Injury:</b> On 29 April 2009, Mahir Mahmoud Khalaf Sawalhah was admitted to Jenin Public Hospital after he was severely beaten and injured by Israeli troops, while he was inside the Green Line.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 03:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al</li> </ul>

	<p>Kufeir.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Ein al Beida.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqqaba.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 17:00, a group of armed Israeli settlers gained access into the area of Al Malaky Bridge in the vicinity of the village of Al Far'a and withdrew at a later time.</li> </ul>
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem.</li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Security Measure:</b> At 20:15, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 2 Israeli citizens, including Shalom Abraham, after they had been apprehended in the town of Beit Lid. A forfeited sum of ILS 30,000 was also located in possession of the Israeli citizens.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>(ii) Beginning on 17 March 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun with cement blocks.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Asla and 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Kedumim along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and denied civilian</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>access, allegedly for investigating a suspicious object.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Physical Assault:</b> At 01:20, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya detained and severely beat Wajdi Salem Musallam Qar'an, leaving him with contusion. Israeli troops released Qar'an at a later time.</li> <li>• <b>Raid/Detentions:</b> At 18:25, the Israeli army raided the city Qalqiliya. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army detained 3 children and released them, after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). At 19:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 14:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road between the villages of Hajja and Kafr Qaddum, causing damage to a taxi belonging to Khalil Jum'ah, a resident of the village of Qaddum. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Talfit.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Imrin.</li> <li>(iii) At 13:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqraba.</li> <li>(iv) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Talluza and Yasid.</li> <li>(v) At 20:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Qusin. While patrolling the area, confrontations took between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(vi) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> At 22:20, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Fayyad Abdul Latif Abdul Majid Omar, a high school student and resident of the village of Far'un in the district of Tulkarem, while he was returning home from a school trip.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:20, 7 armed Israeli settlers from the settlement of Alon Moreh gained access into the village of Al Badhan, patrolled streets, and withdrew at 15:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:10, 3 Israeli settler vehicles gained access into the area of Joseph Shrine in the city of Nablus and left at 16:45.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure of Main Roads:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoint:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.</li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid/House Occupation:</b> Beginning at 20:30 on 28 April 2009, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of Kafr ad Dik and continued to occupy the roof of a house, which it had converted into a military post. At 09:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</li> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoints:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> 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.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> At 16:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') and impeded civilian access.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and served a summon to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> At 12:50, a group of Israeli settlers erected a tent in the vicinity of the town of Al Khadr.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel 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.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Closure of Main Roads:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(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.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street leading to the old city of Hebron.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the village of 'Abda and Khirbet Karma.</li> <li>(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).</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to</li> </ol> </li> </ul>



	<p>the town of Sa'ir and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 17:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raids:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Wadi ash Shajina and arrested 1 child.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Abda and searched a number of houses.</p> <p>(iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Samit.</p> <p>(iv) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Sa'ir.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Fu'ad al Bustanji, 16 years old, in the village of Wadi ash Shajina.</li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) At 09:00, a group of Israeli settlers cut down 2 olive trees belonging to the family of Abu Heikal in Tal Rumeida neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(ii) At 12:25, an Israeli settler vehicle ran over Hind Mousa Khalil al 'Umour, a 15-year-old female child, along the Israeli settler bypass road near the area of Khallet al Mayyyeh east of the town of Yatta, leaving her with contusions. The injured child was transported to hospital for medical treatment.</p> <p>(iii) At 14:15, a group of Israeli settlers, protected by Israeli troops, gained access into and patrolled an area east of the town of Idhna.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wall Construction:</b> Wall construction was suspended on the occasion of the proclamation of the State of Israel 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.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>ALL DISTRICTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Point:</b> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Points:</b></li> </ul> <p>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of</p>

	<p>wheat and animal feed.</p> <p>(ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.</p>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities not reported.</li> </ul>
<b>RAFAH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure of Crossing Points:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 15 ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Access was also allowed to 15 journalists, who had taken part in a training workshop on professional safety organised by the International Federation of Journalists in Cairo.</li> <li>(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>