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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 29 April 2011 – 08:00 30 April 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1		1	A civilian severely beaten in Jerusalem
Injuries	10		10	Incl. a journalist and medic, Jerusalem
Attacks	9	2	11	Incl. 2 by navy boats & 1 by settlers
Raids	25	_	25	Incl. 5 in Nablus and 5 in Hebron
Arrests (per Person)	3		3	Incl. a child
Detentions	16	_	16	Incl. 4 international peace activists
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Windshields of 3 vehicles broken
Attacks on Property	*	_	_	Notices delivered to evacuate land
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	28	_	28	Incl. 7 in Qalqiliya and 6 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem and 5 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	43	_	43	Incl. 10 in Nablus and 13 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. fire opened on civilians
Demonstrations	6		6	Incl. against Wall construction
TOTAL	177	8	185	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) On 29 April 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians from other districts to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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:

- (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.

• <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

- Physical Assault: At 21:00, Israeli troops severely beat 'Uday Nabil 'Awadh, a resident of Hebron city, in Beit Hanina town, leaving him with contusions. 'Awadh was admitted to hospital for medical treatment.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 14:00, an armed Israeli settlers opened fire indiscriminately on civilians near Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city, allegedly for throwing stones.
- **Demonstration/Attack/Injuries:** At 14:00, civilians performed Friday prayers in the sit-in tent erected in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against the eviction of civilian homes for construction of Israeli settlement projects. After the prayers, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and participants, during which the Israeli army injured 10 civilians, including Ahmed Siyam, a journalist, and Ahmed Qirresh, a medic. Other participants also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.

• Wall Gates:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.

JERUSALEM

(ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shavvah 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 continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and (i) Saffa village and the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to (ii) close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village. Flying Checkpoints: At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impeded civilian access. At 22:00, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided Ramallah and El Bireh cities and patrolled them until 02:00. Demonstrations/Raid/Attacks/Detentions/Injuries: At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace (i) activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for the expansion of Halamish settlement. Meanwhile, the Israeli army raided the village, set up checkpoints at its entrances, and denied RAMALLAH access to residents of neighbouring towns and villages. The Israeli & army also fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades on EL BIREH protestors, injuring seven participants, including five children and a female civilian, as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition, the Israeli army detained three international peace activists and released them at a later time. At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli (ii) peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. (iii) At 14:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt **JENIN** barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement.

	 Flying Checkpoint: At 18:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction of Kufeirit village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ya'bad town. At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qabatiya 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	 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/Detentions: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided Khirbet ar Ras al Ahmar village, searched a residential tent, detained four civilians, and released them at a later time. At 16:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bardala village.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. 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: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Far'un village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Seida village. Demonstration: At 15:00, a sit-in demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Kafa village south of Tulkarem city in protest against confiscation of 80 dunums of civilian land south of the village. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Jit village and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles.

- (iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near An Nabi Elyas village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 18:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Hajja village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vii) At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Funduq village and arrested a civilian.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village.
- (ii) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village.

• Arrests:

- (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army arrested Abdul 'Aziz Shahir Saleem, while he was present in a forest near 'Izbat at Tabib village.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to Al Funduq village arrested Anas Bahjat al Khatib.

Wall Gates:

- (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 continues 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.

• Closure of Main Roads:

NABLUS

- (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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

- (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.
- (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.
- (iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, and again at 15:05, 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.
- (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Deir Sharaf village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction o Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Oabalan town and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Detentions:

- (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Badhan village.
- (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Agrabaniya village.
- (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided Beit Furik town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also detained two civilians and released them at a later time.
- (iv) At 23:25, the Israeli army raided Talluza village and patrolled it until 23:55.
- (v) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided Madama village and served summonses on two civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- <u>Arrest</u>: In the evening of 29 April 2011, the Israeli army arrested 14-year-old Bilal Isama'il Noubani along the Nablus-Ramallah main road.
- <u>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property</u>: At 20:10, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles near the junction to Yitzhar settlement, breaking windshields of three vehicles. The Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area at a later time.

• Closure of Main Roads:

SALFIT

(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.

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	 (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. • Attack on Property: At 22:00, the Israeli army distributed notices to five residents of Deir Istiya town for the evacuation of their farmland in Wadi Qana area: (i) Yousef Mustafa Mansour; (ii) Haytham Hasan Mansour; (iii) Muqbel Mohammed 'Awadh; (iv) Rafiq Mohammed 'Awadh; and (v) Abdul Karim Yousef Abu Hijleh. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. Checkpoints: 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. 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Jiftlik village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 09:40, and again at 04:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Auja village.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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 southeastern area of the village. Beginning on 15 September 2007, the Israeli army has continued to prevent civilians from accessing or staying on 22 dunums of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Khadr town.
- (ii) At 13:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Ubeidiya town.
- <u>Demonstration/Detentions</u>: At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and participants, during which a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also detained Hasan Mohammed Bureijiyyeh and an international peace activist and released them at a later time.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

• Closure:

- (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.
- (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.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa' towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages.
- (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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bani Na'im town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Adh Dhahiriya town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Attacks:

- (i) At 13:40, Israeli troops positioned near the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp fired sound and tear gas grenades on a number of civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.
- (ii) At 20:30, Israeli troops fired tear gas grenades on civilians in Johar Mountain area in the old city of Hebron, ostensibly for throwing stones.

• Raids:

(i) At 09:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town.

Hebron

- (ii) At 09:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Halhul town.
- (iii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Idhna town.
- (iv) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled As Samoa' town.
- (v) At 16:55, the Israeli army raided Hebron city, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 11:55, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones and garbage on civilians walking along Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, **ALL** armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 10 April 2011. DISTRICTS Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli navy opened fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea of the beaches of Khan Yunis and Rafah districts. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, **NORTHERN** international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians **GAZA** intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, (i) the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral **GAZA** decision. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. CENTRAL Activities not reported. **GAZA** Attack: In the morning of 30 April 2011, the Israeli navy opened intensive KHAN YUNIS fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Khan Yunis city. **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was closed. (ii) RAFAH (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was closed. (iv) Attack: In the morning of 30 April 2011, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire on Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the beach of Rafah city.