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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 13 March 2006 – 08:00 14 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. 2 civilians severely beaten in Jenin
Injuries	6	—	6	Incl. 2 female civilians in Hebron
Attacks	6	1	7	Incl. 4 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	31	—	31	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 7 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. reconnaissance over N. Gaza
Arrests	18	4	22	Incl. 8 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. families of political prisoners
Wall Construction	28	—	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Tyres of 2 civilian vehicles, Nablus
Attack on Property	1	—	1	2 charitable associations closed, Jer.
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Contents of 2 charitable associations
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	9.6 dunums in Beit Ta'mir, Bethlehem
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a military post in Jenin
Closure of Checkpoints	3	—	3	Incl. Einav & Ein Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya & 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	23	—	23	Incl. Ash Shuhada' Street in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	A settler road constructed, Hebron
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. Burin village raided, Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Taking position near 1 Pal. location
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	2 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	Incl. 8 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	165	13	178	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on the evening of 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and to prevent civilians, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem due to Jewish holidays. The Israeli army only allows VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination. The closure will last until 15 March 2006.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib. (ii) On 03 March 2006, the Israeli High Court issued a precautionary decision to suspend Wall construction around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim on land belonging to the towns of Abu Dis and As Sawahira ash Sharqiya for a period of 14 days. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and opened fire while it was patrolling the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the villages of 'Anata and Hizma and searched a number of houses. • Attack on Property/Confiscation of Property: The Israeli army raided 2 charitable associations on Ibn Batuta Street in the city of Jerusalem and closed them, after confiscating all of their contents.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • Flying Checkpoint: At 02:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 13 March 2006, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Jarir. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 21:30. (iii) At 18:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. (iv) At 00:05, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 jeep, raided the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 03:30. (v) At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 Palestinian National Security officers and 1 Palestinian Police officer. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 Palestinian security officers in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Izz ad Din Sneif, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Ahmed 'Azmi Yaseen, a Palestinian National Security officer; (iii) Mu'iz Taher Sneif, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (iv) Tamer Abdul Khaleq Sharay'ah, a Palestinian Police officer. (v) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road arrested 'Ammar Sa'eed Hourani, a Palestinian National Security officer.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint severely beat and injured 2 civilians. • Raids/House Occupation/Detention: At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched a number of houses, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room. The Israeli army also arrested 3 individuals, including 2 Palestinian National Security officers. Additionally, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, opened intensive fire, and searched 3 houses. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: At 18:00 on 12 March 2006, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint arrested 2 children, claiming they were in possession of homemade explosive devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Qaddourah Husni Wahsh, 14 years old; and (ii) Jihad Ibrahim 'Irsan, 14 years old. The Israeli army arrested 3 individuals in the city of Jenin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Samer 'Adnan Abu al Hayja, a Palestinian National Security officer; (iv) 'Ammar Mahmoud Blalo, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (v) Nasser Ighbariyyeh. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 12:30, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal tractor, seized in the city of Jenin, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba, the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the town of Deir al Ghusun to the town of 'Attil. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus, denying access to civilian vehicles. (ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and denied civilian access in both directions, only allowing school students and physicians to cross. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 14:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil and denied civilian access in both directions. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and searched 1 house. (iii) At 01:35, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and withdrew at 02:50. • Air Patrol: At 19:20, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the towns of Kafr Rumman, Bal'a, and 'Illar until 20:10.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem arrested Mohammed Jamal al Jitawi, a university student.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ol 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 metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel south of the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Hajja and Kafr Qaddum and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Jinsafut and searched commercial shops. (ii) At 07:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum. • Detention: At 16:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the Green Line north of the city of Qalqiliya detained buses transporting families of political prisoners, after they had visited their relatives in Israeli prisons.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Odala and Beita with dirt barricades. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jamma'in. (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, searched 2 houses, and arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Mohammed Sa'eed al Khatib, a Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Shadi Hannoun; and (iii) 'Assem 'Awni ash Shami. • <u>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:</u> At 00:10, a group of Israeli settlers raided the village of Burin and damaged the tyres of 2 civilian vehicles.
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 the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Biddya and the village of Mas'ha and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris and searched 1 house. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Jad Abdul Mun'em Khuffash.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:10, and again at 15:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem until 15:30. (ii) At 12:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, searched 1 house, and severely beat Zeid Suleiman 'Abed Salah, after which he was transported to hospital for treatment of injuries sustained. At 04:50, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 civilians. (iv) At 20:05, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided 'Ayda refugee camp and fired sound grenades and flares while patrolling the area. (v) At 21:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Al Khadr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Mahmoud ad Deirbani; and (ii) Mu'ath 'Isa ad Deirbani. • <u>Land Confiscation:</u> The Israeli army issued an order that extends and amends Military Order # T/19/95 to confiscate 9.6 <i>dunums</i> (2.4 acres) of land belonging to the village of At Ta'amra, on which Hirodion military post is constructed. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 13:30, Palestinian security forces handed over 8 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Bethlehem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

HEBRON

- **Closure:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.
 - (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.
 - (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
 - (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.
- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**
 - (i) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint near 1 Palestinian National Security location in the area of Haram ar Rama, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
 - (ii) At 17:45, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Ali Saleh as Samamreh while he was receiving medical treatment at an Israeli hospital.
- **Settlement Activity:** At 14:00, the Israeli army began constructing a settler road in the area of Tall Rumeida connecting the settlements of Ramat Yishai and Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron.
- **Settler Violence:** At 13:50, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sussia southeast of the town of Yatta assaulted a number of civilians.

	Consequently, confrontations took place between the Israeli settlers and civilians, during which Israeli settlers injured 4 civilians, including 2 female civilians.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the evening of 11 March 2006, the Israeli army re-intensified the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Jewish holidays and Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. Air Patrol: At 19:15, Israeli army reconnaissance aircrafts patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrests: At 15:40, the Israeli army arrested 4 civilians near Point 115 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp, while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Mahmoud as Sous; (ii) Abdallah Abdul Rahman ad Dayeh; (iii) Kamel ad Dayeh; and (iv) 'Ammar ash Shalabi.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attack: At 15:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 161 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira. Palestinian Attack: At 22:15, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>West Bank:</u> The Israeli authorities renewed 7,218 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.• <u>Gaza Strip:</u> The Israeli authorities renewed 5,223 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.
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