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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 05 March 2007 – 08:00 06 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	5	_	5	Incl. 4 children beaten in Nablus
Injury	1	_	1	A 10-year-old female child in Hebron
Attacks	9	_	9	6 in raids & 3 in during confrontations
Raids	35	_	35	Incl. 7 in Ramallah and 7 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Troops dispatched by a helicopter
Arrests	16	_	16	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	16	_	16	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 3 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. An Nu'man village in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	32	_	32	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun and Sufa partially
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. TIPH observers stoned, Hebron
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measures	3	1	4	Incl. a tunnel sealed off in Rafah district
TOTAL	175	6	181	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. Beginning at 24:00 on 01 March 2007, the Israeli army has imposed a complete closure over the West Bank districts due to the Purim holiday and has prevented civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line and entering the city of Jerusalem. The closure will last until 24:00 on 05 March 2007.
JERUSALEM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. Checkpoint: 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. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Attack/Detentions:

- (i) At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.
- (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya and searched 1 house.
- (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, fired sound grenades, and searched 2 buildings, after detained residents outside. The Israeli army also forced a civilian to strip.
- (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the villages of Kafr 'Ein and An Nabi Salih and patrolled the area until 04:10.
- (v) The Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

• <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya.

- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:05, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: 2 at the entrances to the villages of 'Aba and Bir al Basha and 1 on the junction to the village of Ash Shuhada. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Dan.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer, and withdrew at 05:00.
- (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ra'i, raided a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 05:30.

JENIN

	 (iv) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 05:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Sa'eed Abu ar Rub, a Palestinian Police officer, in the town of Qabatiya. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Kafr Ra'i: (ii) Dhiya' Amin Milhem; and (iii) Mahmoud Hafeth Sa'eed Milhem.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raids/Air Patrol/Attacks: (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Kafr Zibad and Kafr 'Abbush. (ii) At 20:30, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided the area between the villages of Seida, An Nazla ash Sharqiya, and An Nazla al Gharbiya. While combing the area, Israeli troops fired flares. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and opened intensive fire, while searching a number of houses. The Israeli army also served summons to the families of 4 civilians, stating that they should report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
QALQILIYA	 Closure: Beginning at 13:15 on 01 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to close with checkpoints the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and deny access to civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs. The Israeli army announced that it will continue to deny access to these civilians until 04 March 2007. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.

- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
- Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 3 illegal motorcycles, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.
- (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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.
- (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.

(iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.

• Physical Assaults:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint beat Tamir Wael Hjab, breaking his left arm. At 11:15, Hjab was admitted to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.
- (ii) Israeli troops beat 4 children on At Tur Mount in the city of Nablus, leaving them with contusions. At 16:20, the 4 children were admitted to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.

Raids:

- (i) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp and patrolled the area until 05:20.
- (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata, searched 1 house, and arrested 3 civilians.
- (iii) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Salim.

• Arrests:

(i) At 16:25, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Hisham Ibrahim Janajreh, a university student.

NABLUS

	The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Zawata: (ii) Islam Hasan Joudeh; (iii) Muhsen Abdul Raheem Hafeth; and (iv) Maymoun Najeh 'Uleiwi. • Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current Intifada (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Dair Pollut.
SALFIT	 (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented civilians from leaving the town until 09:50. • Raids: (i) At 12:50, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Marda and searched a number of houses.
JERICHO	 Closure: 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. Checkpoints: 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. Arrest: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint in the district of Jericho arrested Iyad Abdul Raheem Jaradat, a Palestinian National Security officer.
BETHLEHEM	• Closure: 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.

- Closure of Main Roads: 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 in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:25, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem, searched 1 house, and served a summons to the family of a civilian, stating that he should report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the area again, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:20.
- (ii) At 10:35, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Arab ar Rashayida and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Anwar Mohammed Qneiss in Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Farhan Ali 'Odeh in the village of 'Arab ar Rashayida.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Iyad 'Abed Taqatqah in the town of Beit Fajjar.

• Closure:

- (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.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: 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; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.

HEBRON

- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access until 18:00.

• Raids:

- (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Ash Shuyukh and searched 2 houses.
- (iii) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Bab az Zawiya, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 03:10, the Israeli army raided the city again and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul.
- (v) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and the village of At Tabaqa and arrested 4 civilians.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Shaher Abu Ghalyoun in the city of Hebron. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Dura and the village of At Tabaga:
- (ii) Mohammed Khaled Omar;
- (iii) Salah Mahmoud Abu Ras;
- (iv) Fu'ad Mohammed al Hreibat; and
- (v) Omar Ahmed al Atrash.

• <u>Settler Violence/Injury:</u>

- (i) At 17:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at observers from the Temporary International Presence in Hebron (TIPH) along Ash Shuhada' Street in the H2 area in the old city of Hebron. As a result, Erik Moled, a Swedish TIPH observer, sustained critical injuries to the head. Moled received first aid treatment at Hebron Public Hospital and was then transported to an Israeli hospital.
- (ii) An Israeli settler vehicle ran over Saba' Ahmed al Jawabreh, a 10-yearold female child, along the main road near Al 'Arrub refugee camp, leaving her with injuries. Saba' was transported to hospital for medical treatment.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. Palestinian Attack: At 08:35, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is partially open for transportation of construction cargo only. Palestinian Security Measure: At 15:00, Palestinian security forces located and sealed off a tunnel east of Rafah Crossing along the Egyptian border south of the city of Rafah.