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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

 $08:00\ 09\ February\ 2007 - 08:00\ 10\ February\ 2007$

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	7	_	7	Incl. civilians beaten in Al Aqsa Mosque
Injuries	49	_	49	Incl. 35 civilians in the city of Jerusalem
Attacks	16	1	17	Incl. 4 in raids & 10 during confrontations
Raids	22	1	23	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 3 in Ramallah
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Troops dispatched by a combat helicopter
Arrests	5	_	5	Incl. 1 Palestinian Police officer
Detentions	20	_	20	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. a road levelled near Bab Maghariba
House Occupations	2	_	2	2 houses in Jericho and Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. 3 in Qalqiliya & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	32	_	32	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	2	_	2	Incl. Al Ahli Hospital surrounded, Hebron
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	Al Aqsa Mosque compound raided
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Police officers and vehicle detained
Demonstrations	11	_	11	Incl. 10 against land levelling in Jerusalem
TOTAL	206	8	214	

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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.

Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers, only allowing access to female civilians and civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs who are above 45 years of age. This Israeli measure aims to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Agsa Mosque compound. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the area

(i) 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.

surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al (ii) 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 (iii) 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 (i) Dis with cement blocks.
- (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.
 - Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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

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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.

• Raids/Attack/Detentions:

- (i) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata, opened fire, and fired tear gas grenades.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Biddu, searched a number of houses, and detained 5 children.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Yousef Khameer, a civilian resident of Shu'fat refugee camp, in the city of Jerusalem.
- Attack on Religious Site/Attack/Injuries/Physical Assaults: Claiming that civilians threw stones at the Israeli army following Friday prayers, Israeli troops raided the yards of Al Aqsa Mosque compound, fired tear gas and sound grenades towards civilians, and beat a number of civilians with clubs. As a result, 20 civilians sustained various injuries. The Israeli army also denied access to ambulances to evacuate injured civilians.
- <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries</u>: At 12:30, a mass demonstration took place in Qalandiya refugee camp in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors near Qalandiya checkpoint, during which the Israeli army injured 15 civilians.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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. The Israeli army has also installed surveillance cameras at the checkpoint.

• Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.

• Attack: At 18:00, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the settler bypass road near the town of Beituniya.

• Raids/Attacks/Injury/Destruction of Property:

- (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Budrus. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah and Al Am'ari refugee camp in the city of El Bireh as well as searched 1 building, after surrounding it and destroying its doors. In addition, the Israeli army fired tear gas and sound grenades and searched 1 house in Al Am'ari refugee camp. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

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	 Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 17:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara detained 4 Palestinian Police officers along with their vehicle. Israeli troops arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer and released the others at 18:30. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested Omar Jamal Abu M'eiliq, a Palestinian Police officer. Demonstration/Attack/Injuries/Physical Assault: A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army fired rubbercoated steel bullets as well as sound and tear gas grenades. As a result, 2 civilian protestors and 1 international peace activist sustained injuries. In addition, the Israeli army beat a number of civilians with clubs, leaving 5 civilians, including 2 children, with contusions.
JENIN	 Closure of Roads: 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. Checkpoint: 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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flving Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, 2 at the entrances to the towns of Az Zababida and Tammun and 1 in the area between the villages of Az Zawiya and 'Anza, and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and patrolled the area until 06:00. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Fahma. Demonstrations: At 10:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jenin in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the village of 'Aqqaba in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
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.

- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city) and Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city).
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30.

• Raids/Air Patrol:

- (i) At 08:15, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed the plain of the town of 'Anabta.
- (ii) At 08:20, an Israeli army patrol raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 17:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 12:35, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
- <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

• Wall Gates:

- (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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access in both directions.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other on the junction to the village of Jit, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Demonstration/Raid</u>: At 10:30, a mass demonstration took place in the town of 'Azzun in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians at the northern entrance to the town. The Israeli army subsequently raided the town and arrested 2 civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Azzun:
- (i) Zeid Husan Saleem; and
- (ii) 'Amr Ali Abu Haniyyeh.

QALQILIYA

	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.
	Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing
	checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
	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, thereby 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.
NABLUS	(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.
	(v) At 06:50, Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints set up around the city
	of Nablus prevented civilians, between 16 and 25 years of age who
	hold Nablus-issued IDs, from leaving the city of Nablus.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern
	entrance to the town of Jamma'in, searched civilians and vehicles, and
	denied civilian access in both directions.
	(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the
	village of Ijnisinya and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 16:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa.
	(ii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as the area
	surrounding Balata refugee camp and patrolled the area until 04:40.
	• <u>Demonstration</u> : At 12:50, a mass demonstration took place in the city of
	Nablus in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al
	Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western
SALFIT	entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of
	the current <i>Intifada</i> (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: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 Checkpoints: At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Haris. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
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 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. Raids/House Occupation: At 11:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al 'Auja and patrolled the area. At 19:35, the Israeli army raided the village again, occupied the roof of a civilian house, and converted it into a military post.
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. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Jannata and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assault: At 18:30, the Israeli army severely beat Mohammed Shihadeh Salah along Road # 60, leaving him with contusions. Salah was then transported to hospital for medical treatment. Raid: At 24:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. Demonstration/Attack/Injury: At 13:20, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

• <u>House Occupation</u>: The Israeli army occupied and converted into a military post 1 house belonging to Nasser at Tamimi near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.

• Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) At 13:15, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the area of Bab az Zawiya, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 14:45, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beit Ummar in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians at the town's entrance, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians, including 2 children.
- (iii) At 14:50, a mass demonstration took place in Al 'Arrub refugee camp in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians at the entrance to the refugee camp, during which the Israeli army critically injured 15-year-old Omar Ahmed Abu Sil.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hammoude Jaber in the area of Bab az Zawiya in the city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory as well as opened fire on 1 occasion towards shepherds.		
NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.		
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.		
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	• Attack: At 15:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 147 on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds at a distance of 300 metres from the border fence east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. 		

• Raid: At 08:30, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle, 4 jeeps, and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory near Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing east of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.