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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 February 2006 - 08:00 13 February 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	6	_	6	6 civilians severely beaten, Nablus
Injuries	3	_	3	3 children in 'Azzun town, Qalqiliya
Attacks	4	1	5	Incl. 3 in confrontations & 1 in a raid
Raids	20	_	20	Incl. 11 in Bethlehem & 3 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	4	5	Incl. F16 aircrafts over N. Gaza
Arrests	18	_	18	Incl. 4 children & 3 security officers
Detentions	18	_	18	Incl. 1 Legislative Council member
House Demolitions	*	_		* Notices issued to demolish 2 houses
Wall Construction	29	_	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Causing 40 sheep to perish in Hebron
Land Confiscation	2	_	2	Incl. 50.5 dunums in An Nabi Samuel
House Occupations	3	_	3	Converted into posts in Bani Na'im
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the town of Bani Na'im, Hebron
Closure of Checkpoint	1	_	1	Incl. Beit Furik checkpoint partially
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 3 in Jenin & 3 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	18	_	18	Incl. entrance to 'Ein ad Duyuk
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Settler Violence	3	_	3	Incl. toxic material sprayed on land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	_	2	Incl. taking position near training ctr.
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	3 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Against insulting Prophet Mohamed
TOTAL	151	10	161	

DISTRICT EVENT

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli authorities issued an order to continue to close Palestinian institutions in the city of Jerusalem for 6 more months, including the Orient House, Arab Studies Society, Jerusalem Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Palestinian Prisoners' Club, and a centre for development of small enterprises.
- <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks.

• **Checkpoints**:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army closed the checkpoint leading to the city of Jerusalem near the village of Hizma and prevented civilians from crossing, only allowing access to civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and foreign nationals.

• Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.

- Wall Construction: 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, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Detention</u>: The Israeli army detained Mohammed Abu Teir, an elected member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, after summoning him to the offices of the Israeli Intelligence Service. The Israeli army also served a summons to Abu Teir, preventing him from entering Al Aqsa Mosque compound and the old city of Jerusalem for 2 weeks.

• Wall Land Confiscation:

- (i) The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/18/06 to confiscate 35.6 dunums (8.9 acres) of land belonging to the village of Al Jib for Wall construction.
- (ii) The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/19/06 to confiscate 50.5 *dunums* (12.625 acres) of land belonging to the village of An Nabi Samuel for Wall construction.

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RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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. The Israeli army began levelling land for Wall construction west of the village of Beit Sira. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Detention: At 10:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, after demanding that Palestinian National Security forces not leave their positions. The Israeli army also searched 1 building after detaining residents outside at gunpoint. At 11:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the villages of Kafr 'Ein and Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 2 houses in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. At 03:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid: Jihad Usamah Maloukh, 17 years old; and 'Arafat Jasser 'Arar. House Demolitions: The Israeli army distributed notices to demolish 2 houses in the town of Al Mazra'a al Qibliya.
JENIN	 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. Flving Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint south of the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Jenin and the village of Al Hashimiya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun, searched a number of houses, arrested 6 civilians, and withdrew at 05:30. Arrests: On 11 February 2006, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint in the district of Jenin arrested Wisam Naji Dharaghmeh, a Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the town of Al Yamun: Khalil Suleiman Houshiyyeh;

	(iii) Mohammed Suleiman Houshiyeh;
	(iv) Muneer Subhi Friehat;
	(v) Abdallah Ali Jameel;
	(vi) Abdallah Bassam Houshiyyeh; and
	(vii) Anees al Ghazzawi.
TULKAREM	 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 Road: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades. Checkpoints: 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 and to impede access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Raids/Air Patrol: At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the area between the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun whilst Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire while it was patrolling the area and withdrew at 23:00. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida, searched a number of houses, and arrested 5 civilians, including 3 children. At 07:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the village of Seida: ii Issam Suleiman Samahah, 17 years old; iii Abdul Hameed Fahmi Abdul Ghani, 17 years old; iii Abdul Karim Mahmoud Hamad, 17 years old; Detention: At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the
OALOH IVA	 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
QALQILIYA	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 Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at
	the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and prevented civilians from entering or
	exiting the town.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 04:30 on 12 February 2006, a group of Israeli settlers raided the village of An Nabi Elyas and scrawled Hebrew graffiti on a wall of the village's mosque that causes offence to Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him).
- (ii) At 22:00, a group of Israeli settlers gathered in the area opposite the village of Kafr Laqif and threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road.

Demonstrations:

- (i) At 12:40, a mass demonstration took place in the town of 'Azzun in protest against Hebrew graffiti that causes offence to Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him), which was scrawled by Israeli settlers. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 3 children and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 13:20, a mass demonstration took place in the village of An Nabi Elyas in protest against Hebrew graffiti that causes offence to Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him), which was scrawled by Israeli settlers. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Shakir Shteiwi in the town of 'Azzun.

• Closure of Main Road: 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.

• Checkpoints/Detention:

(i) 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.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
- <u>Physical Assaults</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint severely beat 6 civilians, leaving them with contusions.

• Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus arrested Wisam Naji Abdul Razzaq, a

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	Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 10:20, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Raed Hanani, a Palestinian National Security officer.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the main northwestern entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: 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.
JERICHO	 Closure: 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. At 14:45, the Israeli army closed all entrances leading to the city of Jericho with checkpoints and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the city, only allowing access to civilians holding Jericho-issued IDs. At 23:30, the Israeli army lifted the closure. Closure of Main Road: At 19:20, the Israeli army closed the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk with cement blocks and dirt barricades. Checkpoints/Detention: 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. At 14:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeded civilian access in both directions, and detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Flving Checkpoints: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:10. At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 16:30, the Israeli army took position at the entrance to the village of An Nuwei'ma, which is closed with cement blocks, and on hills overlooking a training centre belonging to Palestinian National Security forces in the village of An Nuwei'ma.

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. 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. 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 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. Raids/Detention: At 11:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of Al Fureidis and Dar Salah and patrolled the area. At 15:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the towns of Al 'Ubeidiya and Za'tara, set up a checkpoint near the town of Za'tara, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 18:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, and detained 1 civilian until 18:45. At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 00:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 00:15, the Israeli army, including 25 jeeps, raided the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur and the refugee camps of Ad Duheisha, Al 'Aza, and 'Ayda, where it searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in the city of Beit Sahur. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Abdallah 'Isa Sh'eibat in the city of Beit Sahur.
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, and the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the town of Idhna and 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'.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

• Raids/House Occupations/Curfew:

- (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, occupied 3 houses, and converted them into military posts. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also imposed curfew over the town and searched a number of houses.
- (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided and combed the town Ash Shuyukh and its surroundings. The Israeli army claimed to be searching for a hot air balloon ridden by an Israeli citizen that landed in the area. At 19:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- <u>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property</u>: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Meitzad east of the towns of Ash Shuyukh and Sa'ir sprayed toxic material on civilian land in the area surrounding the settlement, causing 40 sheep belonging to Jameel Mohammed Ash Shalaldeh to perish.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip, ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army has also prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line, only allowing access to 4,292 workers.

NORTHERN GAZA

• <u>Closure</u>: 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.	
	• Attack: At 14:00, the Israeli army opened fire from it location on the Green	
	Line towards a number of children north of the town of Beit Hanun.	
	• Air Patrol: At 19:15, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts and helicopters	
	patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.	
	• <u>Air Patrol</u> : At 19:15, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts and helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Gaza.	
GAZA	• Palestinian Attacks: At 09:10, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards the	
	Green Line, of which 1 landed on a cargo-loaded truck. The mortar did not	
	explode but caused damage to the truck.	
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.	
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.	
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. 	

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 6,894 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. Gaza Strip: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,175 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, only 4,292 workers (approximately 83% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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