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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 13 February 2009 - 08:00 14 February 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	1	2	A child and a female civilian
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Civilians beaten in Qalqiliya and Hebron
Injuries	2	8	10	Incl. 1 child and 2 armed individuals
Air Attacks	_	7	7	Incl. by UAVs and combat helicopters
Attacks	9	2	11	Incl. 2 in raids and 2 by navy boats
Raids	26		26	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 4 in Tulkarem
Air Patrols	_	4	4	Incl. by F16 combat aircraft
Arrests	9	_	9	Incl. a female civilian in Nablus
Detentions	18	_	18	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	24	_	24	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	5	6	Incl. a carpenter's workshop destroyed
House Occupations	2	_	2	Converted into mil. posts in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarem & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	53	_	53	Incl. 9 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. humanitarian aid transported
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Taking position near Police station, Jenin
Demonstrations	4	_	4	Against the Wall, incl. in Bethlehem
TOTAL	186	33	219	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with barbed wire and cement blocks the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, after levelling the area, and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu 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 continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

JERUSALEM

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. Raids: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town Silwad. At 14:35, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Salih. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 19:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Liqya. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arura. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. Demonstrations/Raid/Attacks/Injuries: At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 14 civilians, including 4 journalists, as well as an international peace activists as a result of tear gas inhalation. At 12:30, 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 a number of protestors also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack: At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, took position in front of the city's Palestinian Police station, and patrolled the area. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until 04:00. 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	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
TULKAREM	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm 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 western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road and at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). Raids/Attack: At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nur Shams refugee camp in the city of Tulkarem. At 15:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a and fired sound grenades while searching a number of houses. 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. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. Raids: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Izbet Salman. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. At 18:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. Demonstration/Raid/House Occupation/Attack/Injuries: At 12:30, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Jayyus in protest against Wall construction. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the town, occupied 2 houses, and converted them into military posts. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. Israeli troops also severely beat another civilian, leaving him with contusions. At 19:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

• 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.

• Wall Construction:

- (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.
- (ii) On 10 February 2009, the Israeli army began implementation of Military Order # T/04/02 on confiscation of civilian land for adjustment of the Wall route near the settlement of Alfe Menashe south of the city of Qalqiliya. The new Wall route will remove the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet adh Dhab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha from the closed zone behind the Wall. However, the route will also isolate these villages from their respective land, which will be located behind the Wall.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only.
- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan.

• Raids:

- (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Wazan and arrested 1 female civilian.
- (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Salem and arrested 1 civilian.

NABLUS

	 Arrests: At 17:45, Israeli troops positioned in the forested area on the Northern Mountain in the city of Nablus arrested 2 civilians: Samer Abu Salhah; and Thafer Abu Salhah. The Israeli army arrested Rima Nafe' Abu 'Eisheh in the village of Beit Wazan. The Israeli army arrested Abdullah al 'Akir in the city of Nablus. The Israeli army arrested Ali Hussein Ishtayyeh in the village of Salem.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. Flving Checkpoint: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Zeita Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/Destruction of Property: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya and patrolled the area until 12:30. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Mas'ha, searched a number of houses, damaged furniture of a house, and arrested 2 civilians. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Mas'ha: Naseem Ribhi 'Amer; and Iyad Lutfi 'Amer. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north
	of the settlement of Ariel.
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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.

- (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

• Arrests:

- (i) On 13 February 2009, Israeli troops positioned at Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Samer Mustafa 'Awadh, a resident of the city of Tulkarem, while he was returning from Jordan.
- (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja arrested Sakhr Abdullah Nofal.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint detained Ashraf Mohammed Abul 'Aal Qattawi, a Palestinian National Security officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

• Closure:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunums* (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T.
- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village again, set up another checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 21:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr
- (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Joret ash Sham'ah and searched a number of houses.
- <u>Detentions</u>: At 11:20, the Israeli army detained 3 civilians while they were working on their land in the vicinity of the town of Al Khadr and released them after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

BETHLEHEM

- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall construction. The Israeli army, however, obstructed the demonstration and prevented protestors from accessing land to be confiscated for Wall construction.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.

• 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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash 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.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

HEBRON

• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) At 12:30 after Friday prayers, the Israeli army opened fire as well as fired sound and tear gas grenades towards a number of civilians in the old city of Hebron, allegedly for throwing stones, killing 1 child.
- (ii) At 12:40, the Israeli army opened fire as well as fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards civilians at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, ostensibly for hurling stones. As a result, Mohammed Khaled al 'Arayqi, 17 years old, sustained injuries.
 - <u>Killing</u>: The Israeli army killed 14-year-old 'Izz ad Din Radhwan Sa'id al Jamal in the old city of Hebron.
 - **Physical Assaults:** At 16:00, the Israeli army severely beat 3 civilians in the vicinity of the village of Khirbet Ma'in southeast of the town of Yatta:
 - (i) Suleiman Mohammed ash Shamsti;
 - (ii) Mahmoud Suleiman Mohammed ash Shamsti; and
 - (iii) Isma'il Mahmoud ash Shamsti.
 - Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- 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, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.
- <u>Attacks</u>: Violating the ceasefire, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards civilians and property. Israeli combat aircraft also fired missiles towards Palestinian territory, injuring 6 civilians and 2 armed Palestinian individuals.

NORTHERN GAZA

- Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
- Air Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property:
- (i) At 23:00, Israeli combat helicopters fired 1 missile towards armed Palestinian individuals in a vacant area on the Ar Rayyes Mountain east of the town of Jabalya.
- (ii) At 23:20, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards a carpenter's workshop in Jabalya refugee camp, injuring 6 civilians, destroying the workshop, and damaging adjacent houses.

GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed Death: On 13 February 2009, Nayy Fayez Hasan, a 24-year-old female civilian, detained at an Egyptian hospital of critical injuries sustained during the Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• <u>Air Attacks/Injuries/Destruction of Property</u> : At 14:45, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards 2 armed Palestinian individuals on a motorcycle in the town of 'Abasan al Kabira, leaving them with serious injuries and destroying the motorcycle.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. Air Attack: At 16:30, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles in 4 consecutive air raids towards smuggling tunnels along the Egyptian border. Attack: At 16:00, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire and fired missile mortars towards the beach of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

POLITCAL PRISONERS	• Prisoner's Deteriorated Health Condition: Political prisoners held in Section # 5 in 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre appealed to human rights organisations to intervene and save the life of Usamah Abdul Hameed Sa'id. His health condition has deteriorated as he suffers from severe infections in the stomach and eyes as well as from hernia. The Israeli authorities have rejected to conduct a surgical operation on Sa'id.
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