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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 23 February 2009 - 08:00 25 February 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	A child of injuries sustained, Gaza city
Physical Assault	1	_	1	A civilian beaten in Beit Ummar, Hebron
Injury	_	1	1	A female child in Khan Yunis
Attacks	6	1	7	Incl. 4 in raids and 1 in from a mil. post
Raids	30	_	30	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 8 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	16	_	16	Incl. 2 children and 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	19	_	19	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Land Levelling	1	_	1	Around Einav checkpoint in Tulkarem
Wall Construction	25	_	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	Olive trees uprooted in Tulkarem
House Occupations	3	_	3	Used as mil. posts, Qalqiliya & Hebron
Curfews	3	_	3	In Salfit, Bethlehem & Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	8	_	8	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarem & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	53	_	53	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 5 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	3	3	4 crossing points opened partially
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Bedouins assaulted in Tubas
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Sound grenades fired near a Police station
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measures	2	_	2	2 Israeli settlers handed over, Bethlehem
Demonstration	1	_	1	In solidarity withy prisoners in Tulkarem
TOTAL	197	7	204	

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 cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) Beginning on 16 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- <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. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30. At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the village of Yabrud and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Bir Zeit University and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Turmus'ayya. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town Bir Zeit. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arura. At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha al Misbah and arrested a Palestinian Preventive Security officer. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Adeeb Fayez Sammour 'Ubeid in the village of Kharbatha al Misbah. 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/Detentions: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun and searched 1 house after having detained residents outside. At 06:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 04:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Jenin. 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	 Checkpoint: 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. Settler Violence: At 12:30, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Mezgiot in the area of the Northern Jordan Valley assaulted civilians as well as harassed and intimidated shepherds.

	• 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.
	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western
	entrance to the village of Shufa.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road
	connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : 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).
TULKAREM	• Raid: At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr
	'Abbush.
	• Land Levelling: At 14:20, the Israeli army levelled civilian olive groves
	as well as uprooted a number of olive trees in the area surrounding
	Einav checkpoint in the village of Ramin.
	• <u>Demonstration</u> : At 10:30, families of political prisoners, held a sit-in
	demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the
	Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Tulkarem in solidarity with their
	relative prisoners and demanding that they be released.
	Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted
	special Israeli permits.
	• <u>Closure of Roads</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks
	agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : 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.
	• <u>Flying Checkpoints</u> : At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint
	at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians
	and vehicles. At 20:45, the Israeli army set up another flying
	checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:30.
	• Raids/House Occupation/Detention:
	(i) At 12:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the
	area until 12:50.
QALQILYA	(ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Hajja and warned that it
	will impose curfew over the village in case stones are thrown at Israeli
	settler vehicles. At 19:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	(iii) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum, occupied
	1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also
	searched 5 other houses, detained 1 civilian, and released him later.
	• 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. At 20:40, the Israeli army closed the wall gate and reopened it
	at a later time.

• 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) Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus.
- (iii) Beginning on 22 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to level 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 ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha from the Wall-associated Closed Zone. However, it will effectively isolate land belonging to these villages 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.
- (iii) Beginning on 14 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed Palestinians holding Israeli-issued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through all checkpoints around the city. To prevent traffic jams, the Israeli army allows vehicles to leave the city through Beit Furik and Beit Iba checkpoints. In addition, the Israeli army has allowed free access to all physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus.
- (iv) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all civilian residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beita and searched civilians and vehicles.

NABLUS

	 Raids: At 20:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the Sabastiya village. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolling the city of Nablus. Arrest: At 15:30, the Israeli army arrested Jihad Nasser Saleh Mansour in the neighbourhood of At Tur Mount in the city of Nablus.
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. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:30, and again at 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deit Istiya and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Curfew: At 17:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris, imposed curfew, and closed with dirt barricades all entrances to the village. At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit, served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 22:50.
	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. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attack/Curfew: (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja. At 15:20, the Israeli army raided the village again, fired sound grenades in front of the village's Palestinian Police station, and imposed curfew after stones had been thrown at an Israeli settler bust travelling along Road # 90 in the centre of the village. At 21:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

- (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil and arrested 3 civilians.
- (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 04:30.

Arrests:

(i) At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Al Hamra junction checkpoint arrested Islam Subhi Jabarin.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Fasayil:

- (ii) Suleiman Mohammed Nawawreh;
- (iii) Ishtayyan Faraj Shalalfeh; and
- (iv) Abdullah Mash'hour 'Udeili.

• 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.
- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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.

• Raids/Attack/House Occupation/Detentions:

(i) At 11:30, and again at 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala.

(ii) At 12:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr. While searched a house, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 1 child. At 19:45, the Israeli army raided the town again, raided a house, and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians.

- (iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the debris of the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur.
- (iv) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and detained a number of civilians. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, arrested 1 civilian, and served another a summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (v) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Asakira and arrested 1 civilian.

• Arrests:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Marwan Mahmoud Dar 'Isa, 17 years old, in the town of Al Khadr.

BETHLEHEM

- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Usayd Hasan Wardian in the city of Bethlehem.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Salah Sami Mohammed 'Areedhah in the village of Al 'Asakira.
- <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 17:00, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) 2 Israeli settlers, who had attempted to access the city of Bethlehem.
- 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.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (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.

HEBRON

- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- Raids/Attacks/House Occupation/Detentions/Physical Assault:
- (i) At 03:00 on 24 February 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir, searched 1 house, and arrested 4 civilians.
- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp, opened fire, and fired sound as well as tear gas grenades. The Israeli army also imposed curfew and withdrew at 21:40.
- (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after having detained residents in one room. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. In addition, the Israeli army opened fire towards street lamp posts, beat Hasan Ibrahim al 'Alami, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child.

• Arrests:

(i) At 16:00, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed al Qawasmi near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.

The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Sa'Israeli army:

- (ii) Murad Thiyab al Furoukh;
- (iii) Jalal Mustafa al Jabarin;
- (iv) 'Issam Jabr al Furoukh; and
- (v) Mohammed Mahmoud Jaradat.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:

- (vi) Muntasser Abdul Hameed 'Awadh, 17 years old; and
- (vii) Mohammed Ali Ikhlayyel.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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.

• Violations of the Ceasefire:

- (i) The Israeli army opened fire from its locations on the Green Line towards civilians and property, injuring 1 female child.
- (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attack: In the morning of 25 February 2009, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of what and animal feed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of limited quantities of fuel. Death: On 24 February 2009, Abdullah Nabil Islayyem, a 17-year-old resident of Gaza city, died at an Egyptian hospital of injuries sustained during the latest Israeli attack on the Gaza Strip.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• Attack: At 13:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilian houses and agricultural land east of the town of Khuza'a, injuring Wafa' Jihad an Najjar, 16-year-old female child, while she was standing in front of her house.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis. Access was allowed into the Gaza Strip to 186 civilians. Also, 456 civilians, including patients, holders of residence cards in other countries, and students, were allowed to leave for Egypt. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open. Access was allowed to 144 trucks transporting food supplies and humanitarian aid.