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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
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. a Police officer beaten in Nablus
Injuries	—	5	5	5 civilians during air attacks on Rafah
Air Attacks	—	7	7	Missiles fired by helicopters on Rafah
Attacks	4	—	4	1 in a raid and 3 during confrontations
Raids	26	—	26	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests (per person)	29	—	29	Incl. 2 female children (sisters) in Hebron
Detentions	21	—	21	Incl. 2 Palestinian Police officers
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Tubas
Curfews	1	—	1	Over the village of Haris in Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem and 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarem & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	54	—	54	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 5 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 crossing points opened partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A Police vehicle detained in Nablus
TOTAL	199	17	216	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. 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. Physical Assault: Israeli troops severely beat Wahibeh Abu Jibneh, a female civilian, while she was present in her house in the neighbourhood of Ash Sheikh Jarrah in the city of Jerusalem. Raids/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 25 February 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Duqqu. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Samir Amin as well as the village of Kafr 'Aqab north of the city of Jerusalem. (iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp. Having detained residents, the Israeli army searched 1 building and 5 houses. At 04:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests/Physical Assaults: Having beaten them, Israeli troops arrested 7 unidentified civilians in the 'Atarot Industrial Zone north of the city of Jerusalem.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 05:00 on 25 February 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwas and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided the town of At Tayba and patrolled the area until 02:15. (iii) At 01:15, Israeli troops, dispatched by combat helicopters raided the mountainous area between the villages of Kafr Malik and Khirbet Abu Falah and opened fire while conducting military training. (iv) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 02:25 on 25 February 2009, the Israeli army arrested 11 civilians during its raid into the village of Kharbatha al Misbah, in addition to a civilian reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fayez Hasan Harfoush; (ii) Mohammed Fayez Harfoush; (iii) Thaer Mahmoud Kasbeh; (iv) Abdullah Mahmoud Kasbeh; (v) Ibrahim Mohammed Kasbeh; (vi) Hani Mohammed Ya'qoub; (vii) Mustafa Hamdi Mustafa al Hubul; (viii) Nimer Mohammed Harfoush; (ix) Mohammed Subhi al Hubul; (x) Ayman Hisham Harfoush; and (xi) Nidhal Sharif Mousa al Hubul.

	<p>(xii) At 08:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara arrested 'Imad Jamal Dahloun, a Palestinian National Security officer.</p> <p>(xiii) The Israeli army arrested Khaled Abdul Kareem Faraj Hamed in the town of Silwad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Birqin and the village of Muthallat ash Shuhada' and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:30. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Araqa and patrolled the area until 13:30. (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children, ostensibly for throwing stones and a detonating a hand-made explosive device. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched 6 houses, and withdrew at 03:30. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 03:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Ya'bad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ali Mohammed Ali 'Amarneh, 17 years old; (ii) Iyad Ahmed Mohammed Rihan, 17 years old; and (iii) Rami Jamal Mohammed Bakr. • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid/House Occupation: At 13:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Tayasir, occupied the roof of a building, converted it into a military post, and withdrew at 14:35.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • Flying Checkpoint: At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:20. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 04:00. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beita and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid/Detention: At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched a building (used a dormitory by university students) after detaining students outside. At 07:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Physical Assault: At 11:05, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained a Palestinian Police vehicle as well as beat and detained 'Ammar Ahmed Qino, a Palestinian Police officer. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released Qino.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) 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. (iii) Beginning at 17:50 on 24 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades all entrances to the village of Haris. • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 00:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 17:50 on 24 February 2009, the Israeli army remained positioned in the village of Haris and continued to impose curfew and close with dirt barricades all entrances to the village. At 09:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 07:30 on 25 February 2009, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik. (iii) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Bidhya and patrolled the area until 10:30. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya arrested Musbah Ibrahim Yaseen Suleiman. • <u>Detention:</u> At 21:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Midhat Ityani, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 03:00 on 25 February 2009, the Israeli army arrested Usamah 'Izz ad Din Abu Dayyeh during its raid in 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in the city of Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <i>dunums</i> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Checkpoint: At 16:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. Having closed the iron gate on the junction, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint in the area 00:05 and denied civilian access until 05:00. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and patrolled the area until 19:00. (ii) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Khallet al Loza and patrolled the area until 21:00. • Arrests: At 02:30, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid into the city of Bethlehem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ali Ibrahim Abu Basmeh; and (ii) Ala' Khadher Masalmeh. • Palestinian Security Measure: 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.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Ibrahim 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.

- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids:**

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Sa'ir and Ash Shuyukh and patrolled these areas until 18:00.
- (ii) At 19:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 20:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (iv) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and patrolled the area until 03:00.

- **Arrests:** At 12:50, the Israeli army arrested 2 female children (sisters) near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, claiming that they had been in possession of a knife:

- (i) Hadeel Talal 'Isa Abu Turki, 14 years old; and
- (ii) Jihad Talal 'Isa Abu Turki, 16 years old.

- **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

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> Israeli army combat aircraft fired missiles towards smuggling tunnels along the Egyptian border, injuring 5 civilians.
<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open. Access was allowed to 70 trucks transporting what and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of limited quantities of fuel.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open. Access was allowed to 110 trucks transporting food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>Air Attack/Injuries:</u> At 12:00, Israeli combat helicopters fired missiles in 7 consecutive air raids towards the neighbourhoods of As Salam and Al Barazil as well as the vicinities of Rafah refugee camp and Salah ad Din gate along the Egyptian border south of the city of Rafah, allegedly to destroy smuggling tunnels. The air attacks resulted in the injury of 5 civilians.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Political Prisoners' Protest:</u> According to the lawyer of the Palestinian Prisoners' Club, 55 political prisoners held in Huwwara detention and interrogation centre declared a hunger strike on 24 February 2009 in defiance of the daily count practice. Political prisoners also protested against measures exercised by the detention facility's administration against them, deteriorated condition of blankets, poor quality of food, medical negligence, and overcrowded cells. • <u>Sentences:</u> The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Military Camp issued sentences against the following political prisoners from the district of Bethlehem: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Isam al Hamamreh to 4 and a half months in prison and a fine of ILS 500 (approx. USD 125). (ii) Mohammed Kheiri Saleem to 4 and a half months in prison and a fine of ILS 500 (approx. USD 125). (iii) Shadi Kheiri to 4 and a half months in prison and a fine of ILS 500 (approx. USD 125). (iv) Mohammed Zawahreh to 5 months in prison and a fine of ILS 1,000 (approx. USD 250). <p>The said military court also postponed trial session of 18 other prisoners.</p> • <u>Extension of Administrative Detention:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli military court at Al Muscobiya (the Russian compound) detention and interrogation centre extended for various periods of time the administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 4 political prisoners from the districts of Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Hebron. (ii) The Israeli military court at Al Jalama detention camp extended for various periods of time the administrative detention against 28 political prisoners. • <u>Appeals:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The family of Majdi Hasan Ali as Sous, a political prisoner from Jenin refugee camp, appealed to legal and human rights organisations to intervene and exercise pressure on the Israeli authorities to allow their son to receive necessary medical treatment. Serving a sentence of 13 years in Rimon Prison, As Sous suffers from severe infection in his teeth, ulcer of the stomach, and rheumatism. The Israeli Prison Administration only gives him tranquillisers. (ii) Political prisoners held in Meggido Prison appealed to legal and human rights organisations to exercise pressure on the Israeli authorities to allow Mustafa 'Awwad, a political prisoner from the village of Deir Abu Da'if in the district of Jenin, to have a surgical operation. Sentenced to 9 years in prison, 'Awwad suffers from infections in his legs and arms due to previous bullet wounds.
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