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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 March 2006 - 08:00 05 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	6	_	6	Incl. 4 journalists severely beaten
Attacks	9	3	12	Incl. 2 in raids & 5 from mil. posts
Raids	29	_	29	Incl. 7 in Ramallah & 6 in Nablus
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Reconnaissance over Bethlehem city
Arrests	9	_	9	Incl. 4 children & 1 security officer
Detentions	16	_	16	Incl. 4 Palestinian security officers
Land Levelling	1	_	1	Around the settlement of 'Einav
Wall Construction	29	_	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Civilians forced to close their shops
Land Confiscation	1	_	1	239 dunums in 'Abud, Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	3	_	3	Incl. Einav & Ein Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 2 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	25	_	25	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
School Disruption	1	_	1	Tear gas grenades fired into 1 school
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1		1	Yard of 1 Police station raided, Tubas
Palestinian Attacks		5	5	13 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstration	1	_	1	In Jubara against Wall construction
TOTAL	154	14	168	

DISTRICT EVENT

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	 Closure: 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. Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed 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. Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles. Attack: At 17:35, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire and fired sound grenades towards civilians, claiming that stones were thrown at the Israeli army. Raids/Attack on Property: The Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and forced owners of commercial shops to close their shops, claiming that 1 Molotov cocktail
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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 was resumed 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 and the village of Beit Sira. Flying Checkpoints: At 13:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Halamish, searched civilian vehicles, impeded civilian access, and arrested 1 civilian.

(iii) At 15:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Beit Rima and 'Abud and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 13:50, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah and the town of Beituniya.
- (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and the town of Beituniya, arrested 1 civilian in the town of Beituniya, and served a summons to another civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service.
- (iii) At 05:05, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh.

Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of Halamish arrested Maher Raja Sneif.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mus'ab Fat'hi al Bourini in the town of Beituniya.
- Wall Land Confiscation: The Israeli army issued Military Order # T/170/05 to confiscate 239 *dunums* (59.75 acres), in place of a previously-issued military order confiscating 240.6 *dunums* (60.15 acres), of land belonging to the town of 'Abud for Wall construction.

• <u>Closure of Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.

- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kashda south of the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, raided the yard of the town's Palestinian Police station, and questioned 1 Palestinian Police officer about the police station. At 02:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp until 03:30.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint set up on the Jenin-Haifa road arrested 2 children, claiming that they were in possession of knives:
- (i) Ziyad Omar 'Ata Allah, 15 years old; and
- (ii) Ahmed Kamal Hindawi, 17 years old.

JENIN

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 Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal' a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa 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, denying access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Physical Assaults: At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem severely beat 2 Palestinian National Security officers, ostensibly for locating military uniforms in their bags. Raids: At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of 'Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. Arrest: On 04 March 2006, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint arrested Mohammed Sultan Falah, 17 years old, claiming that he was in possession of a knife. Land Levelling: The Israeli army began levelling civilian land in the area surrounding the settlement of 'Einav. Demonstration/Physical Assaults: At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Jubara in protest against Wall co
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of 'Azzun with dirt barricades. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. 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: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

• Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of An Nabi Elyas on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, searched civilian vehicles, and detained 4 Palestinian National Security officers.
- (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- Raid: At 16:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Qalqiliya and took footage while it was patrolling the area.
- Arrest: At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of Ras 'Atiya arrested Amjad 'Adel Abdul Rahman, a Palestinian National Security officer.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to set up an iron gate on the road connecting the town of Jamma'in to the village of Zeita.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Odala and Beita with dirt barricades.

• **Checkpoints:**

- (ii) 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.
- (iii) At 07:00, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus and denied civilian access in both directions. At 07:45, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road, denied civilian access, and opened indiscriminate fire, intimidating civilians waiting to cross on both sides of the checkpoint. Israeli troops at the checkpoint also arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 13:50.

• Raids:

- (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Imrin. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus until 05:20.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya, searched 1 house, and severely beat 1 civilian, after which he was transported to hospital for medical treatment.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of 'Asira al Qibliya, Burin, and Madama.

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	• Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Badhan road arrested Ala' Kamal Wahdan.
SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current Intifada (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements. The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up at the entrance to the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
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. Checkpoints: 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. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis. Flying Checkpoints: At 10:30, 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.
ВЕТНГЕНЕМ	• <u>Closure</u> : 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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.
- Attack: At 23:10, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire from the DCO offices north of the city of Beit Jala towards civilian houses in the city of Beit Jala.

Raids:

- (i) At 19:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:20.
- (ii) At 20:10, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 07:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area.
- <u>Air Patrol</u>: At 03:15, an Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Bethlehem.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (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:

- 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, the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.

HEBRON

• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction was resumed 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'.

• Flying Checkpoints/Detention:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilian vehicles, arrested 1 child, detained 4 civilians, and withdrew at 15:10.

• Raids/School Disruption:

- (i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kharsa.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of At Tabaqa.
- (iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Ash Sheikh neighbourhood in the city of Hebron and searched 1 house.
- (v) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil and fired tear gas grenades towards the town's school during the school day.

• Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Fawwar junction arrested Akram Naseem al 'Anati, 15 years old.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Rami Abdullah Zeidan in the town of Bani Na'im.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• The Israeli army partially eased the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army allowed 4,401 workers and 208 merchants to cross into areas inside the Green Line.

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.
- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, humanitarian cases, and workers.
- Attack: At 08:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 14 on the Green Line towards a shepherd north of the town of Beit Lahiya.

	Palestinian Attacks:		
	(i) At 19:10 on 01 March 2006, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards		
	the Green Line.		
	(ii) At 19:20 on 01 March 2006, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards		
	the Green Line.		
	(iii) At 21:35 on 01 March 2006, 3 unidentified mortars were fired towards		
	the Green Line.		
	(iv) At 02:05 on 01 March 2006, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards		
	the Green Line.		
	Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.		
GAZA	• Palestinian Attack: At 19:35 on 01 March 2006, 4 unidentified mortars		
	were fired towards the Green Line.		
CENTRAL	Attacks At 19:10 the Israeli army append fire from Point 120 on the Green		
GAZA	• Attack: At 18:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 120 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.		
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KHAN YUNIS	• Attack: At 01:40, the Israeli army fired flares from Point 154 on the Green		
	Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.		
	Closure of Crossing Points:		
	(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.		
DAEAH	(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers		
RAFAH	holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign		
	diplomatic missions.		
	(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.		

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 4,917 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, only 4,401 workers (approximately 90% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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