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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 05 March 2006 – 08:00 06 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	_	1	1 child in the town of Tubas, Jenin
Attacks	3	7	10	Incl. 6 from posts & 1 by a naval boat
Raids	20	1	21	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 5 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	1	_	1	Helicopters over Jericho district
Arrests	20	_	20	Incl. 3 children & 3 security officers
Detentions	16	_	16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	_	1	1	South of Sufa Crossing, Rafah
Wall Construction	29	_	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	1 house set on fire in Beit Rima town
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Construction of 1 park halted
Curfew	1	_	1	Over Beit Rima town, Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	3	_	3	Incl. Einav & Ein Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	_	18	Incl. 3 in Salfit & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	26	_	26	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	3	3	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. location
Palestinian Attacks	_	4	4	6 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	147	22	169	

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 continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib. Flving Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles. Arrest: At 05:00 on 05 March 2006, the Israeli army arrested Mustafa Jamal Hamadeh in the city of Jerusalem. Attack on Property: The Israeli army issued an order to halt construction of a park belonging to the local council of the town of Abu Dis, claiming that it was being built without the required license.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Um Safa and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:15. Raids/Curfew/Destruction of Property: At 18:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the towns of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana.

- (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima, imposed curfew, surrounded 1 house, and opened fire towards it, setting it on fire. The Israeli army also searched the house after detaining residents outside. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 5 individuals, including 2 Palestinian National Security officers. The Israeli army remains positioned in the town as of 08:00 this morning.
- (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of 'Arura. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 20:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iv) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 individuals in the town of Beit Rima:
- (i) Ali Mohammed Irheimi, a Palestinian National Security officer;
- (ii) Wahbi Abdul Raheem Irheimi, a Palestinian National Security officer;
- (iii) Ibrahim Mohammed Zuheir;
- (iv) Khaled Zaghloul Qasem; and
- (v) Firas Mohammed Zuheir.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians while they were reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Service at 'Ofer Military Detention Camp:

- (vi) Mu'ath Mohammed Sa'eed, 17 years old; and
- (vii) Hamzeh Mohammed Sa'eed.
- <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 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Tammun and the village of 'Atuf and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Siris and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. At 19:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Silat adh Dhahr, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:00.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested 'Adli Abdul Razzaq Ghanem in the town of Silat adh Dhahr.
- (ii) At 12:30, it became evident, following inquiries by the DCO, that Israeli Police forces arrested Hamad Kayed Hamdouni because he had entered areas inside the Green Line without an access permit.

	(iii) At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint set up on the Jenin-Haifa road arrested Thyab Hasan Abu Zeitouneh, 15 years old, claiming that he was in possession of a knife.
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. At 14:15, the Israeli army closed the road connecting the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun 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. Raids: At 14:55, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and searched 1 commercial shop. At 17:55, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Zeita and searched 1 house. At 01:35, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp until 03:00.
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 continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel south of the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district (i) 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. The Israeli army continues to set up an iron gate on the road connecting (ii) the town of Jamma'in to the village of Zeita. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of (iii) Odala and Beita with dirt barricades. **Checkpoints: NABLUS** (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Beit Iba (ii) checkpoint west of the city of Nablus and prevented civilians from the districts of Jenin, Tulkarem, and Qalqiliya from entering the city of Nablus. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to (i) 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 (ii) 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 (iii) Kafr ad Dik with cement cements. The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up at the entrance (iv) **SALFIT** to the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight (i) 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 (ii) junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.

Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern (i) entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western (ii) entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Mas'ha and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30. 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 (i) 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 (ii) 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 **JERICHO** and 05:00 on a daily basis. At 18:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO (iii) checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access. Flying Checkpoints: At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and the other on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. Raid: At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja, claiming to be providing protection to employees from the Israeli Water Company. Air Patrol: At 18:00, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Jericho. Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. **BETHLEHEM** Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.

• Raids:

- (i) At 14:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp.
- (ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Bethlehem and Beit Sahur.
- (iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
- (iv) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided Al 'Aza refugee camp, searched 4 houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 02:55.

Arrests:

- (i) On 04 March 2006, the Israeli army arrested Mu'ath 'Atef Abu 'Akar, 14 years old, near the settlement of Gilo.
- (ii) At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Anas Amr Mahmoud, a Palestinian National Security officer.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Al 'Aza refugee camp:

- (iii) Anas Abdul Jabbar Abu Tarboush; and
- (iv) Ahmed Abdallah an Najjar.

Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village

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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:

- (i) At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 13:00.
- (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Sussia south of the town of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Kharas, searched civilian vehicles, and served a summons to 1 Palestinian National Security officer to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service.

• Raids:

- (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 mentally challenged civilian.
- (ii) At 23:30, and again at 03:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Yatta, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 04:00.

• Arrests:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Subhi Kamel in the city of Hebron

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians from the town of Nuba in the town of At Tayba inside the Green Line because they did not possess access permits:

- (ii) Ibrahim Isma'il ad Dabbas;
- (iii) Hamed Isma'il ad Dabbas; and
- (iv) Mohammed 'Awwad ad Dababseh.

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 4,200 workers and 180 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.

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	 Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 08:30, the Israeli army fired 3 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 09:55, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 62 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya. At 13:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 6 on the Green Line towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. Between 20:05 and 20:45, the Israeli army fired 12 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory north of An Nada towers and near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 00:20, an Israeli naval boat opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats opposite the beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. Palestinian Attacks: At 12:00 on 04 March 2006, armed Palestinian individuals failed to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line. The mortar exploded in the area where it was launched. At 22:50 on 04 March 2006, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. 		
	(iii) At 07:55 on 05 March 2006, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.		
	(iv) At 19:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.		
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Attacks: At 11:35, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 88 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city. At 12:10, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from Point 94 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory south of Gaza city. 		
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.		
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.		
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. Sufa Crossing is closed. Raid/Land Levelling: At 13:50, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory opposite Point 222 on the Green Line, south of Sufa Crossing, and levelled land. 		

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 4,200 workers (approximately 86% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.