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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 09 March 2007 – 08:00 10 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	1 civilian east of Deir al Balah city
Physical Assaults	2	_	2	2 civilians beaten in Bil'in, Ramallah
Injuries	14	_	14	4 civilians in Jerusalem & 10 in Ramallah
Attacks	8	4	12	Incl. 3 in raids & 5 from military posts
Raids	22	4	26	Incl. 7 in Hebron and 4 in Central Gaza
Arrests	17	_	17	Incl. 1 child & 4 Pal. security officers
Detentions	17	_	17	Incl. female civilians in Jericho
Land Levelling	_	4	4	In the district of Central Gaza
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Incl. a road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Confiscation of Property	2	_	2	2 rifles from a house in the Jenin district
Closure of Checkpoints	14	_	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 7 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. An Nu'man village in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	33	_	33	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 5 in Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. fire opened towards a settlement
Demonstrations	2	_	2	Against Wall construction in Ramallah
TOTAL	153	19	172	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers, only allowing access to civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs who are above 50 years of age. This Israeli measure aims to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho.
- <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 was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.

JERUSALEM

	• <u>Attack/Injuries</u> : At 13:50, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire towards civilians who were throwing stones at the Israeli army,
	after preventing them from crossing the checkpoint to access the city of Jerusalem and perform Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque. Consequently, 4 civilians sustained bullet wounds.
	Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ali Taha, while he was working in a hospital in West Jerusalem.
	Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	entrance to the village of Saffa. • <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access.
	Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya.
	• <u>Attack/Palestinian Attack</u> : At 23:20, Israeli troops positioned in the settlement of Psagot fired flares over the city of El Bireh, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement.
	• Raids: (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided the towns of 'Arura and Mazari' an Nubani and patrolled the area until 01:15.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of 'Ein Siniya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
	• <u>Arrest</u> : The Israeli army arrested Mahdi Mahmoud Saleh in the village of 'Ein Siniya.
	Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Physical Assaults: At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the vicinity of the town of Beituniya in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took
	place between protestors and Israeli troops guarding the Wall. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 10 civilian protestors. The Israeli army also severely beat 2 civilians, leaving them with contusions.
	Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Mislive.
JENIN	 the village of Misliya. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley.

• <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up 5 flying checkpoints and searched civilians and vehicles: in the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin; between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Al Kufeir; between the city of Jenin and the village of Al Jalama; between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Al Jarba; and on the junction to the village of Al Mansura along the Jenin-Nablus road. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area As Suweitat arrested 1 civilian, 1 child, and 2 Palestinian National Security officers.
- (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Destruction/Confiscation of Property:

- (i) At 14:30, and again at 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a.
- (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 04:00.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of As Silat al Harithiya and searched a number of houses. After having confiscated an M16 and Kalashnikov rifles from a house, the Israeli army threw a hand grenade inside the house, destroying furniture. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.
- Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin arrested 2 civilians and 2 Palestinian security officers:
- (i) Murad 'Azmi 'Abbadi, a Palestinian National Security officer;
- (ii) Muneer 'Azmi 'Abbadi, a Palestinian National Security officer;
- (iii) Saeb Mahmoud Kuheil, 17 years old; and
- (iv) Mohammed Mahmoud Jabarin.
- (v) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Ghaleb Jaradat in the town of As Silat al Harithiya.

TULKAREM

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.
- (ii) At 14:35, the Israeli army closed the unpaved detour road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city).

	 Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:40. At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 08:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled Tulkarem refugee camp. At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir al Ghusun and patrolled the area until 14:30. At 14:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up in the area surrounding the city of Tulkarem arrested Omar Nafe' Mustafa.
QALQILIYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. 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 suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. Raid: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 01:00.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access. At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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 neighbourhood only.

	(iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit
	Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
	(iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close
	the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the
	town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing,
	only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
	• Raids/Attack/Detentions/Destruction of Property:
	(i) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 16 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided
	the city of Nablus and opened intensive fire, while searching 2
	buildings and the offices of a local television station. The Israeli army
	also detained employees inside the television station, after forcing them
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	to strip. In addition, the Israeli army damaged furniture of an office
	belonging to the Islamic Resistance Movement ("Hamas") and
	withdrew at 05:15.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Urif.
	• Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western
	entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of
	the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western
	entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western
	entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	• Checkpoints:
SALFIT	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut
SALITI	checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara
	junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
	• Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the
	area 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.
	• Raid: At 12:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Marda. While
	patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and
	civilians. At 15:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	• 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
JERICHO	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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.

	• <u>Detentions</u> : At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho detained a bus, transporting a number of female civilians. Although Israeli troops released the bus at a later time, they continued to detain 2 female civilians until 17:00.
BETHLEHEM	 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. 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 was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. Attack: At 13:25, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) checkpoint opened fire towards a number of young civilians, claiming that they threw 2 Molotov cocktails at the Israeli army after preventing them from crossing the checkpoint to access the city of Jerusalem and perform Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque. Raid: At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Arrests: (i) At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Bakr Salem Sha'lan. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Adib Mahmoud Thawabteh, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of Beit Fajjar.
HEBRON	 Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: 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; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of

- Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.
- (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along 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.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raids:
- (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.
- (ii) At 22:00, and again at 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bani Na'im.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided the towns of Dura and Beit 'Awwa as well as the village of Al Kum and arrested 7 civilians.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the towns of Dura and Beit 'Awwa as well as in the village of Al Kum:
- (i) Ibrahim Mohammed As Sweiti;
- (ii) Isma'il Ahmed As Sweiti;
- (iii) Hayel Mohammed As Sweiti;
- (iv) Mohammed Yousef al Hroub;
- (v) Nidhal Khalil ar Rjoub;
- (vi) Ibrahim Abdul Jaleel ar Rjoub; and
- (vii) Sami as Sheikh.

GAZA STRIP

The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 4 occasions, killing 1 ALL **DISTRICTS** civilian. The Israeli army also carried 4 raids into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. **NORTHERN** Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the **GAZA** Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: At 07:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 25 on the (i) Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun.

	 (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite of the beach of the town of Beit Lahiya. Palestinian Attack: At 17:40, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attack: At 20:50, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 136 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Deir al Balah, killing 1 civilian. Killing: The Israeli army killed Mohammed Ahmed al Ghalban east of the city of Deir al Balah. Raids/Attack/Land Levelling: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried out 4 raids into Palestinian territory, as follows: At 11:45, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 110 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilian houses. At 13:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 11:45, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 115 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp and levelled land. At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, 1 jeep, and 2 bulldozers, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 119 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp, levelled land, and withdrew at 17:15. At 17:15, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 124 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp, levelled land, and withdrew at 18:40.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.