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DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 11 March 2006 – 08:00 12 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	Family members severely beaten
Injuries	2	_	2	Incl. during confrontations in Ramallah
Attacks	4	2	6	Incl. 1 from a post & 1 by a naval boat
Raids	15	_	15	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 5 in Hebron
Arrests	6	_	6	Incl. 1 child & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	13	_	13	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	28	_	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the old city of Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	2	_	2	'Einav & 'Ein ad Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 3 in Bethlehem & 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	23	_	23	Incl. Ash Shuhada' Street in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	Call to prayers prohibited in Hebron
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Shepherds pursued southeast of Yatta
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Taking position near Command HQ
Palestinian Attack	1	_	1	Open fire towards Ma'ale Shomron
Pal. Security Measure	1	_	1	2 illegal vehicles handed over
Demonstration	1	_	1	Near ICRC in solidarity with prisoners
TOTAL	124	8	132	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	• On the evening of 11 March 2006, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and has prevented civilians, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem due to Jewish holidays. The Israeli army only allows VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination. The closure will last until 15 March 2006.

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, and west of the village of Al Jib. On 03 March 2006, the Israeli High Court issued a precautionary decision to suspend Wall construction around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim on land belonging to the towns of Abu Dis and As Sawahira ash Sharqiya for a period of 14 days. 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.
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 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Halamish and searched civilians and vehicles.

	(ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian.
	(ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein, combed the area between the villages, and fired sound grenades and flares. At 23:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	(iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian holding French nationality. At 01:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	• <u>Arrest</u> : The Israeli army arrested Fadi Abdul Dayem Karakrah in the city of El Bireh.
	• <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u> : At 10:20, Palestinian security forces handed over 2 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Ramallah, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
JENIN	 <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. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
	• <u>Flying Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of 'Anza on the Jenin-Nablus road, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
	Arrests: (i) At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint arrested 17-year-old 'Imran Abdul Hakeem Shreidah, claiming that he was in possession of a knife.
	(ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the entrance to the village of 'Anza arrested Saleh 'Awwad 'Ubeid.
	• <u>Closure</u> : 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 with dirt
	barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba, the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the town of Deir al
TULKAREM	Ghusun to the town of 'Attil.
	• Checkpoints:
	(i) 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.
	(ii) 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 21:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar Ras and searched 1 commercial shop.
QALQILIYA	 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 Checkpoint: At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. Palestinian Attack: At 23:05, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the eastern quarter of the town of 'Azzun towards the settlement of Ma'ale Shomron. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and combed its surrounding areas. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Odala and Beita with dirt barricades. Checkpoints: 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.
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 <i>Intifada</i> (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.

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 was resumed 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 Checkpoint: At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:05. Raid: At 12:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Salfit until 13:25. 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:** (i) 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 (ii) **JERICHO** 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. At 11:00, 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 Checkpoint: At 11:00, 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. 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 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.

Flying Checkpoint/Detention: At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion on the Bethlehem-Hebron main road, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians.

Raids:

- (i) At 10:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.
- At 11:30, and again at 14:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of (ii) Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Arrest: At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested Ala' Hasan Da'dou' in the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Service.

Closure:

- The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire (i) 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.
- The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close (ii) 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.
- The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan (iv) 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 (i) 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.
- Wall Construction: 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:

- At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to (i) the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

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- (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: The Israeli army raided 1 house belonging to Zein Fazza' al Ja'bari in the old city of Hebron and severely beat his family members, including members with special needs, leaving them with scratches and contusions. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Bir al Mahjar, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, took position near the Command Headquarters of the Palestinian National Security forces, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ash Shuyukh and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian in the pelvis.
- (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of At Tabaqa.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Yousef Ahmed Halayqah, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of Ash Shuyukh.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Azeez Hasan al Ja'bari in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Curfew/Attack on Religious Site</u>: The Israeli army imposed curfew over the old city of Hebron and prohibited the call to prayers from being broadcast at the Ibrahimi Mosque, ostensibly for celebrating the Jewish holiday of Purim.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 12:15, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit Ya'ir southeast of the town of Yatta pursued a number of shepherds while they were tending sheep.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:30, a mass demonstration took place in front of the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons. Protestors also demanded that the international community take action to release the prisoners.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• On the evening of 11 March 2006, the Israeli army re-intensified the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Jewish holidays and Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: 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. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, and humanitarian cases. Attack: At 22:15, Israeli naval boats opened fired towards Palestinian fishing boats opposite As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. 		
GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. <u>Attack</u>: At 12:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 88 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east 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. 		