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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 13 March 2007 – 08:00 14 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian beaten in the city of Hebron
Attacks	3	—	3	Incl. 2 in raids & 1 during confrontations
Raids	33	2	35	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 6 in Ramallah
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Helicopters over Beit Lid town, Tulkarem
Arrests	11	—	11	Incl. 1 school student in Huwwara, Nablus
Detentions	16	—	16	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Land Levelling	1	—	1	Near a Wall gate in Qalqiliya district
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Excavations carried out in Jerusalem
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	24	—	24	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 8 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	33	—	33	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 5 in Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Construction of Mil. Posts	2	—	2	Incl. a tent erected in Far'un, Tulkarem
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Civilians assaulted in the city of Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Position near Customs Police offices
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. fire opened towards a settler vehicle
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 illegal vehicle handed over, Qalqiliya
TOTAL	178	9	187	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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"> <p>Closure: 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 prevent civilians from accessing the mosque, only allowing access to female civilians and civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs who are above 45 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.</p> <p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. <p>Checkpoints:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access. <p>Wall Gates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. <p>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Biddu and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram, searched 1 building, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalandiya refugee camp and the area of Samir Amis. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim as Sabbagh in the town of Ar Ram. • <u>Attack on Property:</u> The Israeli army is carrying out excavations in search of archaeological artefacts along the road to Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem, thereby threatening to damage Arab Islamic archaeological artefacts.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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 impede civilian access. At 10:55, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint in both directions and reopened it at a later time. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00. (ii) At 22:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint on the road to the city of Jerusalem, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 04:20, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Ein Yabrud. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit and the village of Abu Qash. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Ali Shreiteh in the town of Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya.

<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Misliya. • Checkpoint: 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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Bir al Basha and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: 1 in the area between the town of ‘Arraba and the village of Fahma and 2 on the junctions to the villages of ‘Ajja and Ash Shuhada’. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of ‘Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas. (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and patrolled the area until 04:00. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 02:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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: 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, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya. • Checkpoints: 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Construction of Military Post/Air Patrol:</u> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un and erected a military tent near the Wall. As was reported on 12 March 2007, the Israeli army had erected another tent in the area. (ii) At 22:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Lid and carried out military training, whilst combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Habla. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ayman Nitham Abu Haniyyeh in the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Construction of Military Post/Land Levelling:</u> The Israeli army levelled land near the Wall gate northwest of the village of Habla, which is allocated for workers to cross into areas inside the Green Line. The Israeli army also installed military equipment on the levelled land. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 10:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> (i) 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. (ii) 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (i) 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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(ii) 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.</p> <p>(iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Talluza and Al Badhan and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Raids/Palestinian Attack/Attack:</u> <p>(i) At 13:00, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of Huwwara and arrested 1 school student.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Awarta and searched a number of houses, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near the settlement of Yitzhar. At 00:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided 'Askar refugee camp. While searching 3 houses, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire.</p> <p>(iv) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qaryut.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) Israeli Special Forces arrested Mohammed Yasser Qawariq in the town of Huwwara.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus:</p> <p>(ii) Mohammed Munir as Sadeq; and</p> <p>(iii) Nasser Hilmi Nasser.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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).</p> <p>(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.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut 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. • <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 Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Kifl Haris and patrolled the area. (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit and the town of Bruqin. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Rasmi Khuffash in the village of Marda.
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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 22:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the Dead Sea south of the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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 continues 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr and Ad Duheisha refugee camp. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 03:15. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Al Khadr: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Omar 'Isa; and (ii) Mohammed Sa'eed Dar Mousa.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. (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. (iii) The Israeli army installed an iron gate in the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, after having removed the cement blocks. Thereby, the Israeli army controls civilian access to and from the area. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Birka near the town of Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Detentions/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 13 March 2007, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, took position in front of the offices of the Palestinian Customs Police, and examined the ID of the guard positioned at the entrance to the offices. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint in the area Bir al Mahjar and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house, after detaining residents outside. In addition, Israeli troop beat 'Awni Abdul Ghaffar Hirbawi. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The female civilian, whom the Israeli army arrested in the old city of Hebron on 11 March 2007, was identified as Asam' Yousef Hamdan. As was reported on 12 March 2007, Asma' was arrested, claiming that she had attempted to stab an Israeli soldier. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army arrested 'Issam Mahmoud Qoqas at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Subhi Mustafa al Qawasmeh in the city of Hebron. • <u>Settler Violence/Detentions:</u> At 15:10, a group of Israeli settler assaulted a number of civilians, after having accused them of damaging the Jewish cemetery in the old city of Hebron. Confrontations took place between the Israeli settlers and civilians. The Israeli army, however, detained a number of young civilians and released them at a later time.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. At 11:55, the Israeli army closed the Crossing and reopened it at 13:10. • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:40, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory near Point 9 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 11:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 09:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.

GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 17:50, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:45, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 154 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.