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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 March 2006 - 08:00 21 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 civilian severely beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	7	_	7	Incl. 1 civilian in critical condition
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 3 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	18	1	19	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 5 in Nablus
Arrests	20	_	20	Incl. 2 children & 5 security officers
Detentions	16	_	16	Incl. families of political prisoners
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Near the Green Line east of Gaza city
Wall Construction	31	_	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Attack on Property	1	_	1	Land excavated near Ash Shuyukh
Confiscation of Property	2	_	2	A cart and a horse in Qalqiliya
House Occupations	2	_	2	Incl. a number of houses in Beita
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the village of Beita in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	4	_	4	Incl. 'Einav & 'Ein Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 3 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	27	_	27	Incl. southern entrance to Jamma'in
Closure of Crossing Points	_	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 unidentified mortar fired, N. Gaza
Pal. Security Measure	_	1	1	4 civilians arrested in Rafah district
Demonstration	1	_	1	Near Shu'fat RC against the Wall
TOTAL	156	14	170	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	• Following the Israeli army's raid on the Palestinian civil prison in the city of Jericho and arrest of a number of prisoners, including the Secretary General of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Israeli army extended the complete closure it has imposed over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts since 11 March 2006 due to Jewish holidays. The Israeli army has also prevented civilians, including workers with permits, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem, only allowing VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination.

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JERUSALEM (i)	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, 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 civilians and vehicles. Raids/Detention: At 20:30, Israeli Special Forces accompanied by 20 jeeps raided Qalandiya refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians, including Thaer Fareed Ahmed who was in critical condition. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, detained 21 civilians,
	civilians and vehicles. Raids/Detention: At 20:30, Israeli Special Forces accompanied by 20 jeeps raided Qalandiya refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians,
	and arrested 4 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer and 2 Police officers. At 22:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
(i	i) The Israeli army raided Shu'fat refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 individuals in Qalandiya refugee camp:
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	 (iii) Khumeini Abdul Ra'ouf Ali, a Palestinian Police officer; and (iv) Iyad Ibrahim Lafi. (v) The Israeli army arrested Mousa Abu Mayyaleh in Shu'fat refugee
	camp.
	• <u>Demonstration</u> : A mass demonstration took place near the Wall in the area between Shu'fat refugee camp and the settlement of Pisgat Ze'ev. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors.
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 Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beitillu and searched civilians and vehicles. Attack: At 11:40, the Israeli army pursued and opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle near the town of Turmus'ayya, injuring 'Ata 'Imad Snobar. Raids: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and arrested 1 civilian. At 23:50, and again at 01:55, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. At 02:45, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 'Izz ad Din Fareed 'Izz ad Din in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. The Israeli army arrested Raed Mustafa al Khoranbi in the town of Beituniya.
JENIN	 Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Checkpoint: 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. Flying Checkpoints: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kufeirit and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Ghazala and searched civilians and vehicles. Arrest: At 19:30, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ahmed Zaqzouq inside the Green Line.

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: (i) 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

- (i) 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 Ghusun to the town of 'Attil.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamish and Dahiyat Dhinnaba to the town of Kafr al Labad.

• 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 and to impede civilian access.
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: at the southern entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun; in the area between the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil; and at the entrance to the town of Bal'a. The Israeli army searched civilian vehicles and impeded civilian access.

• Raids:

- (i) At 14:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of 'Izbat at Tayyah and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 16:55, Israeli troops positioned at At Tayba checkpoint set up on the Green Line west of the city of Tulkarem detained buses transporting families of political prisoners, after they had visited their relatives held in Israeli prisons.

• Wall Gates: (i) Passage

(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 village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

TULKAREM

QALQILIYA

- <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 14:30, and again at 19:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Confiscation of Property</u>: At 09:00, the Israeli army confiscated a horse and a cart belonging to Ahmed Quzmar, while he was working on his land in the village of 'Izbat Salman behind the Wall.

• 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 close the road connecting the villages of Odala and Beita with dirt barricades.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: 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.

• Raids/Curfew/House Occupations/Detentions:

- (i) Beginning at 05:20 on 20 March 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the village of Beita and continued to impose curfew. The Israeli army also occupied a number of houses and converted them into military posts. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. In addition, the Israeli army detained 5 civilians and released them at a later time.
- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, opened indiscriminate fire, and searched a number of houses after detaining residents. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 05:00.
- (iii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided 'Askar refugee camp, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child.
- (iv) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and searched 1 house after detaining residents. The Israeli army also served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service.

• Arrests:

(i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed 'Atiyyeh Dandan during its raid on the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in 'Askar refugee camp:

- (ii) Adham Nasser ash Shalabi, 16 years old; and
- (iii) Mohammed Abdallah Dirbas.

NABLUS

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 Brugin 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 blocks. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the southern entrance to the town of Jamma'in on the Trans-Samaria Highway, **SALFIT** which leads to the district of Salfit, forcing civilians to cross on foot. **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. Closure: The Israeli army intensified the closure imposed over the district of Jericho. Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja continues to be 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 impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders as well as civilians possessing permits to cross checkpoints. **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. **JERICHO** (ii) 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. (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and denied civilian access in both directions until 14:15. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Az Zubeidat and Al Jiftlik and searched civilians and vehicles.

Arrests: At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the (i) entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk arrested Mustafa Shihadeh Sawaftah. At 14:00, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the (ii) southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested 2 unidentified civilians. On 19 March 2006, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested 2 civilians, while they were returning from Jordan: Sa'eed Ibrahim Abu Kheit; and (iii) Firas Ja'far Hannoun. (iv) <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. **BETHLEHEM** Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint severely beat Usamah Nimer Hussein. At 24:00, Hussein was admitted to Bethlehem Public Hospital. Raid: At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', searched 1 house, and arrested 1 child. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Adeeb Khaled Hajjaj, 16 years old, in the town of Tuqu'. **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 **HEBRON** 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:

- (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 towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis leading to the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 2 Palestinian Police officers and 1 National Security officer.

• Raids/House Occupation:

- (i) At 11:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post until 18:00.
- <u>Arrests</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis arrested 3 individuals:
- (i) Yousef Hasan al Froukh, a Palestinian Police officer;
- (ii) Ziyad Mohammed Kawasbeh, a Palestinian Police officer; and
- (iii) Ilyas Yousef al Froukh, a Palestinian National Security officer.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Dhiya' Ghazi Qa'qour in the town of Tarqumiya.
- Attack on Property: The Israeli army, accompanied by employees from the Israeli Archaeological Authority, excavated land in the area of Rajm al Qasr near the town of Ash Shuyukh in search of archaeological artefacts.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

• Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards 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. Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. Palestinian Attack: At 23:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open. The Israeli army opened the crossing for 40 minutes to allow the entry of essential food supplies. Attack: At 09:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 88 on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds east of Gaza city. Raid/Land Levelling: At 12:05, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Points 82 and 83 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and levelled land.
CENTRAL GAZA	 Attacks: (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 112 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. (ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 123 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Maghazi refugee camp.
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. Attack: At 18:00, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah. Palestinian Security Measure: At 02:40, a Palestinian security patrol combing the area near Point 213 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing arrested 4 civilians, while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line.

GENERAL

	• West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 10,406 work permits for
WORK PERMITS	crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure. • Gaza Strip: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,223 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.