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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 March 2009 - 08:00 27 March 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Attacks | 2 | 4 | 6 | Incl. 2 in raids and 3 by navy boats |
| Raids | 27 | 1 | 28 | Incl. 6 in Jenin and 6 in Hebron |
| Air Patrols | _ | 2 | 2 | By helicopters and UAVs, Khan Yunis |
| Arrests (per person) | 12 | _ | 12 | Incl. 1 female civilian and 1 Police officer |
| Detentions | 16 | _ | 16 | At checkpoints and in residential locales |
| Wall Construction | 25 | _ | 25 | Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya |
| Confiscation of Property | 4* | _ | 4 | Incl. a pistol, computer and papers |
| House Occupation | 1 | _ | 1 | Converted into a military post, Nablus |
| Curfew | 1 | _ | 1 | Over the village of Haris in Salfit |
| Closure of Checkpoints | 16 | _ | 16 | Incl. 2 checkpoints closed temporarily |
| Flying Checkpoints | 15 | _ | 15 | Incl. 2 in Bethlehem and 5 in Hebron |
| Closure (per District) | 8 | _ | 8 | Incl. over the city of Jerusalem |
| Closure of Main Roads | 52 | _ | 52 | Incl. 7 in Bethlehem & 16 in Hebron |
| Closure of Crossing Points | _ | 5 | 5 | 2 crossing points partially open |
| School Disruption | 1 | _ | 1 | A school used as an interrogation centre |
| Settler Violence | 3 | _ | 3 | Incl. access to civilian vehicles impeded |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 1 | _ | 1 | Officers at checkpoint demanded to leave |
| Palestinian Attack | _ | 1 | 1 | 1 mortar fired towards the Green Line |
| Demonstration | 1 | | 1 | In solidarity with political prisoners, Jenin |
| TOTAL | 185 | 13 | 198 | |

| DISTRICT | EVENTS |
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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:

- (i) 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 denied access to civilians above 45 years of age to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) Beginning on 16 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- <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.
- <u>Confiscation of Property</u>: On 26 March 2009, an Israeli court entered a judgement ruling for evacuation of a civilian building in the Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem, claiming that the building and land on which it is constructed, belong to a Jewish rabbi.

• 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.

JERUSALEM

| | • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp. |
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| RAMALLAH & EL BIREH | Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. Raids: At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Sinjil. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Dibwan. Settler Violence: At 12:00, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Rimonim disrupted traffic of civilian vehicles travelling along the Ramallah-Jericho road. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. |
| JENIN | Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Flying Checkpoint: At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:00. Raids: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Al 'Araqa and Al Hashimiya and patrolled these areas until 22:40. At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the towns of Az Zababida and Qabatiya as well as the villages of Misliya and Ash Shuhada'. The Israeli army also patrolled these locales until 04:00. Demonstration: At 11:00, families of political prisoners held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Jenin in solidarity with their relative prisoners as well as demanding that they be released from the Israeli prisons. Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall. |

| TUBAS | Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. Flying Checkpoint: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bardala and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 13:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a and provided protection to staff of an Israeli company, who examined water wells. At 03:50, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp and patrolled the area until 04:15. Settler Violence: At 15:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into a forested area in the vicinity of the town of 'Aqqaba and withdrew at a later time. |
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| TULKAREM | Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm 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 western entrance to the village of Shufa. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Flying Checkpoints: At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qaffin. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 19:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem as well as Nur Shams refugee camp. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. |
| QALQILYA | Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. Raid: At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 children. |

- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the town of 'Azzun:
- (i) Ja'far Ahmed Mustafa 'Inayeh, 17 years old;
- (ii) Rashad Ahmed Rashad Saleem, 16 years old; and
- (iii) Ibrahim Nidhal Ibrahim Saleem, 16 years old.

• Wall Gates:

- (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.

• Wall Construction:

- (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.
- (ii) Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.
- (iii) At 08:55, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Madama.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 neighborhood only.
- (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to residents of the town of Beit Furik and the neighbouring village of Beit Dajan.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to allow Palestinians holding Israeliissued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through Beit Furik checkpoint and Biet Iba iron gate. Additionally, the Israeli army allows free access to physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus.

NABLUS

(iv) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus. Having removed Beit Iba checkpoint, the Israeli army installed an (v) iron gate near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf along the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. The iron gate is open everyday between 05:00 and 24:00 to allow civilian access without permits. At 17:55, however, the Israeli army closed the iron gate, denied civilian access in both directions, and reopened it at a later time. Flying Checkpoint: At 17:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid/House Occupation: At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied a building along the road to the village of Til, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (i) entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates (ii) the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. Raids/Curfew/Detentions/School Disruption/Attack: At 02:30 on 26 March 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda (i) and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) Beginning at 03:00 on 26 March 2009, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the village of Haris and continued to impose curfew. The **SALFIT** Israeli army also searched a number of houses. Having converted it into an interrogation centre, the Israeli army detained and interrogated residents in the village's boys school. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 4 children and withdrew at 16:40. (iii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris, While combing these areas, the Israeli army fired flares. **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Samer 'Issam Taher Suleiman in the village of The Israeli army arrested 4 children in the village of Haris: Sufian Waleed 'Uthman Dawoud, 17 years old; (ii) (iii) Nader Wadi' Kleib, 16 years old; Usayd Jamal Farid Sultan, 17 years old; and (iv) Abdullah Abdul Rahman Kleib, 16 years old.

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| | Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel. |
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| JERICHO | 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 deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. Checkpoints: 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. At 22:15, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and denied civilian access until 22:35. Arrest: On 26 March 2009, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Fadi George 'Ayyad, a resident of the city of Beit Sahur, while he was returning from Joran. Settler Violence: At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw rocks into a spring in the village of Al 'Auja, thereby depriving civilian access to the spring. At a later time, however, civilians removed the rocks. |
| 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. According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. Flving Checkpoints: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:30. At 22:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Confiscation of Property: At 15:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 02:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 03:50. |

- (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Sahur and demanded that Palestinian National Security officers positioned at a checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city leave the checkpoint. The Israeli army also searched 3 house, confiscated a personal computer, and arrested a Palestinian Police officer, after having confiscated his pistol. At 22:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Iyad Salem al Ghazzawi, a Palestinian Police officer, in the city of Beit Sahur.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaia.

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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling (ii) along the road connecting the settlement of Kirvat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
- On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S (iii) for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.
- In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to (ii) prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash 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.
- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road (iii) between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.

HEBRON

- (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (vi) At 08:30, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the entrance to the villages of Wadi ash Shajina and Hafayir Basam.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 14:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles in the area of Al 'Uddeisa between the towns of Sa'ir and Bani Na'im.

• Raids/Detentions/Confiscation of Property:

- (i) At 01:00 on 26 March 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and searched 1 house, after having detained residents outside. The Israeli army also confiscated personal papers as well as a computer, arrested 1 female civilian, and served summons to her father and 5 brothers to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (ii) At dawn on 26 March 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched a number of house, arrested 1 civilian, and served summons to several civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (iii) At 09:40, and again at 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Huneina in the town of Dura.
- (v) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and searched 1 house.

• Arrest:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Siham 'Awadallah Ahmed al Heeh, a female civilian, in the town of Surif.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Yousef Abdul Hameed Abu Mariya in the town of Beit Ummar.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.

GAZA STRIP

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. Violations of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and Israeli navy boats opened fire towards civilians and property. Armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortars towards the Green Line.

| NORTHERN GAZA | Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. Attack: In the evening of 26 March 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea as well as towards As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. Palestinian Attack: At 11:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. |
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| GAZA | Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel. |
| CENTRAL GAZA | Activities not reported. |
| KHAN YUNIS | • Raid/Air Patrol: At 10:55, the Israeli army, including a number of armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters and UAVs, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Al Qarara. An armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and civilians. |
| RAFAH | Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. Attack: In the evening of 26 March 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the city of Rafah's beach. |

GENERAL

Sentences: The Israeli military court at Salem Military Detention Camp issued sentences against the following political prisoners: Mohammed Abdul Rahim al 'Amouri, a 17-year-old resident of Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus, for 12 years in prison as well as 3 years with the stay of execution. POLITCAL PRISONERS (ii) Ziyad Nimer Souqiyyeh, a resident of the city of Jenin, for 22 months in prison as well as a fine of ILS 3,000 (approximately USD 760) Appeal: Political prisoners held in the Rimon Prison appealed to human

treat or conduct a surgical operation on Nazzal.

rights organisations to save the life of Nasser Nazzal. On the verge of death due to an incurable illness, the Israeli authorities have refused to