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DAILY SITUATION REPORT

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death		1	1	A 45-year-old civilian, Northern Gaza
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Incl. 1 civilian's leg broken, Ramallah
Injury	1	_	1	1 civilian stabbed with a dagger, Nablus
Attacks		8	8	Incl. 207 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	21	_	21	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 6 in Ramallah
Air Patrol	_	1	1	F16 combat aircrafts over N. Gaza
Arrests	20	_	20	Incl. 1 child and 1 female civilian
Detentions	16	_	16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	1	_	1	Cultivated land in Ramin, Tulkarem
Wall Construction	31	_	31	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	4	6	Incl. an electricity network damaged
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the old city of Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	11	_	11	Incl. 'Atara and Za'tara partially
Flying Checkpoints	18	_	18	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 4 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	1	7	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	27	_	27	Incl. the road to An Nu'man village
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	_	1	The Ibrahimi Mosque closed, Hebron
School Disruption	1	_	1	Students at 2 schools denied access
Settler Violence	1	_	1	House assailed & attempt to steal sheep
Provocation of Pal. Forces	_	1	1	Shelling near Pal. security locations
Palestinian Attacks	_	2	2	2 unidentified mortars fired
TOTAL	162	22	184	

DISTRICT	EVENT	
	Beginning on 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and to prevent	
ALL DISTRICTS	 complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and to prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem. Beginning on 17 April 2006, and following the suicide attack carried out in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, the Israeli army has intensified 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	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, in the old city of Jerusalem, and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a checkpoint, only allowing civilians residing behind the Wall, holders of Jerusalemissued IDs, and civilians with permits to cross. The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. Checkpoints: According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a "border crossing point", the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts. At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint and an iron gate on the road connecting the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya as well as built rooms equipped with electric devices for searches. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
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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.

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

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Beit Hanina and the villages of 'Anata and Hizma and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near "Qalandiya Crossing" on the road leading to the village of Jaba', searched civilian vehicles, and denied access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.

• Raids:

- (i) The Israeli army raided the village of 'Anata and searched 1 house.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Anan and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Hussein Ibrahim Ibrash in the village of Beit 'Anan.

• <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades.

- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.
- 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 Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Deir Abu Mash'al and Shuqba, searched civilian vehicles, and denied access to the city of Ramallah to civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank.
- (ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rafat south of the city of Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Physical Assault: Muhannad Rizq Abu Hmoud, a civilian resident of the village of Al Jib, fell and broke his leg when Israeli troops pursued him while he was attempting to reach his workplace in the settlement of Modi'in. The Israeli troops also beat Abu Hmoud, leaving him with contusions. At 11:30, Abu Hmoud was admitted to Ramallah Public Hospital.

• Raids/Detention:

- (i) At 14:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint in the industrial area, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, detained 3 civilians (fathers of political prisoners held in Israeli prisons), and withdrew at 01:30.
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Abu Mash'al.

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	(iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 1 civilian.
	(v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and arrested 1 child.
	(vi) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided Al Jalazun refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.
	 Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Jihad Khaled Hamed in the town of Silwad. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Mahmoud 'Assi Sa'eed in the village of Beit Liqya.
	(iii) The Israeli army arrested Ali Rafeeq Nakhleh in Al Jalazun refugee camp.
	 <u>Closure of Road</u>: 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. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of
	the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for Jericho-ID holders and commercial trucks.
	• <u>Wall Gates</u> : Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
JENIN	• Flying Checkpoints: At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints, 1 at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida and the other 3 on the junctions to the town of 'Arraba and the villages of Al Jarba and Sanur, and searched civilian vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida arrested 1 university student.
	• Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of Al Jadida and arrested 1 university student.
	 Arrests: (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida arrested Yousef Khaled Shweiki. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Saleh Qalalweh in the village of Al Jadida.
	 <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. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt
TULKAREM	barricades the following roads: the road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; and the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur.
	• <u>Checkpoints:</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road, denying access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army

	prevents civilian residents of the Tulkarem district from leaving the district, except for those residing in towns and villages east of the checkpoint. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint only allow civilian residents of villages located south of the city of Tulkarem in the Tulkarem district to cross on foot, only after examining civilians' places of residence. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles. • Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: At 14:40, the Israeli army levelled land cultivated with fruit-bearing trees at the entrance to the village of Ramin, uprooting 30 olive trees and 20 fig trees.
QALQILIYA	 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: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
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 with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of 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. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem.

- (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya continue to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to civilian residents of the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya as well as the villages of Talluza, Sabastiya, Burqa, Beit Imrin, and Ijnisinya.
- (iv) At 06:30, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint (the western entrance to the city of Nablus), after arresting 1 civilian allegedly for locating an Uzi rifle in his possession. At 07:30, the checkpoint was reopened.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint (the western entrance to the city of Nablus) beat Majed 'Adel Yaseen, leaving him with contusions. At 09:40, Yaseen was admitted to Nablus Public Hospital.
- <u>Injury</u>: Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint stabbed Nabeel Jameel Mansour with a dagger in the thigh. At 09:25, Mansour was admitted to Nablus Public Hospital.

• Raids/Detention/Destruction of Property/Physical Assault:

- (i) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Askar refugee camps and searched a number of buildings and houses after detaining residents. In 'Askar refugee camp, the Israeli army demolished the wall of 1 house, destroyed its entrance (using explosives), and beat 1 civilian. The Israeli army also arrested 6 civilians, including 1 university student, in the city and in Balata refugee camp. At 06:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and arrested 2 civilians.
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Burin and arrested 1 female civilian.

• Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Layth Abdullah Nasser

The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp:

- (ii) 'Adel Ibrahim Balawneh;
- (iii) Saher Mohammed Saleh;
- (iv) 'Imad Abdul Rahman 'Ukashah;
- (v) Khaled Sameeh Khalil;
- (vi) Lu'ay Hilal Mohammed; and
- (vii) Muhannad Ramadhan Ali.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Furik:

- (viii) Mohammed Jamal Abu Samra; and
- (ix) Baleegh Hamdi Mansour.
- (x) The Israeli army arrested Raqya Fu'ad Abdul Qader in the village of Burin.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar assailed 1 house and attempted to steal a herd of sheep belonging to Ayman 'Ata Allah Soufan in the village of Burin.

SALFIT	 Closure of Main Roads: 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 Intifada (Uprising). The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and with an iron gate the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank. 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.
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-issued 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-issued IDs. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho-issued IDs. At 22:00, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and denied access to civilians, except for those holding Jerusalem-issued IDs. Flying Checkpoint: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles.
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. 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala.

• Raids:

- (i) At 17:35, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 18:00.
- (ii) At 18:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.
- (iii) At 18:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the H2 section of the 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; and the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the closure of 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.

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 entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.
- Wall Construction: 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.

• Raids/House Occupation:

- (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the area of Sinjir between the city of Hebron and the town of Dura, occupied 1 house belonging to Ahmed Mohammed 'Amr, and converted it into a military post.
- (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 4 civilians.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:
- (i) Ibrahim Abu 'Ayyash,

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(1) Ibranin Abu Ayyasi,

- (ii) 'Adwan Sabarneh;
- (iii) Ahmed Sabarneh; and
- (iv) Mohammed Sabarneh.
- <u>Curfew/School Disruption/Attack on Religious Site</u>: At 08:00, the Israeli army imposed curfew over all the neighbourhoods in the old city of Hebron, claiming to be evacuating Israeli settlers from 1 house near the Ibrahimi Mosque that belongs to Qamar Rushdi an Nather, a female civilian. However, the Israeli High Court ruled to evacuate the Israeli settlers who had seized control of the house at an earlier time. While imposing the curfew, the Israeli army also prevented students from Qurtuba and Al Ibrahimiya Schools from reaching their schools and closed the Ibrahimi Mosque, denying access to worshippers.

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.
- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.
- Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Destruction of Property:
- Between 09:00 and 21:00, the Israeli army fired 163 artillery shells (i) from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. Of these, 110 artillery shells landed near Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya and on the neighbourhood of An Nada towers, killing 1 civilian while he was working on his land and damaging 1 house, 1 residential flat in An Nada towers, and 1 Palestinian National Security location. Shelling by the Israeli army also caused damage to an electricity network, cutting electricity off in the town of Beit Lahiya and the area north of the town. Another 20 shells also landed in the area of Tallet Quleibu east of Ash Sheikh Zayed city. In addition, 12 artillery shells landed in the area opposite Point 53 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanan and 11 other shells in the area opposite Point 57 on the Green Line east of the town of Beit Hanun. The remaining 10 shells landed on agricultural land in the town of Beit Hanun.

	(ii) Between 21:00 and 08:00, the Israeli army fired 44 artillery shells from
	its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near
	Palestinian National Security locations north and northwest of the town
	of Beit Lahiya as well as east of the town of Beit Hanun.
	• Killing: The Israeli army killed Hasan Hussein ash Shafi', 45 years old,
	north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
	• <u>Air Patrol</u> : At 15:55, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts patrolled the skies
	over the northern area of the district of Northern Gaza.
	• Palestinian Attacks:
	(i) At 23:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
	(ii) At 00:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
	• Closure of Crossing Points:
	(i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.
DAEAH	(ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers
RAFAH	holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign
	diplomatic missions.
	(iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: The Israeli authorities annulled all the work permits issued to Palestinian workers for crossing the Green Line. Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 11. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (11) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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