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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 February 2007 – 08:00 08 February 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	_	3	Students & civilians beaten in Jerusalem
Injuries	4	_	4	Incl. 1 civilian in critical condition
Attacks	9	1	10	Incl. 4 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	29	_	29	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 6 in Jenin
Arrests	23	_	23	Incl. 2 children & 1 school teacher
Detentions	17	_	17	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	_	3	Incl. Bab al Maghariba road levelled, Jer.
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Curfew	1	_	1	Over the village of Al 'Auja in Jericho
Closure of Checkpoints	15	_	15	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	24	_	24	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 4 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	6	_	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	32	_	32	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
School Disruption	1	_	1	Students denied access to their school, Jer.
Settler Violence	1	_	1	A civilian vehicle run into, Qalqiliya
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. fire opened towards a settler vehicle
Demonstrations	2		2	Against land levelling in Jerusalem
TOTAL	198	10	208	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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/School Disruption/Physical Assaults: 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. In addition, the Israeli army prevented employees, workers, and female students from accessing Al Aqsa Secondary School. The Israeli army also beat a number of students and civilians, while they were protesting against the Israeli army's land levelling in the area.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.

(iii) 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.

• <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.

• 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.
- 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.

JERUSALEM

• Kaid: The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qatanna.
 Raid: The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qatanna. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. At 16:20, the Israeli army installed surveillance cameras at the checkpoint. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya. Flving Checkpoints: At 16:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Deir Dibwan and the other in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also installed surveillance cameras in the areas of the 2 flying checkpoints. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids/Attacks/Detentions: At 16:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 22:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town again and patrolled the area. At 23:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein. At 01:00, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 21 Israeli army jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh. While searching a building and a number of houses as well as detaining residents, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. The Israeli army also arrested 1 school te
(ii) The Israeli army arrested Anwar Ahmed Dawoud in the city of El Bireh.
 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:
- (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
- (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one along the Jenin-Nablus road and the other in the area between the town of Tammun and the village of Al 'Aqrabaniya, and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Destruction of Property/Attack/Injury:

- (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun and searched 1 house. An Israeli army jeep also ran into and damaged a civilian vehicle. In addition, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the town's entrance and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Fahma, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arraba and arrested 1 civilian.
- (v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya.
- (vi) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of As Silat al Harithiya and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 01:00 on 07 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 female civilians (sisters) during its raid into Jenin refugee camp:
- (i) Nahed Qasem 'Ardhah; and
- (ii) Reem Oasem 'Ardhah.
- (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya arrested Mohammed Yousef Rasheed.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Younes Ibrahim Sweidi in Al Far'a refugee camp.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Fahma:

- (v) Jihad Nabeel Sa'abneh;
- (vi) Mohammed Hasan Nawassrah; and
- (vii) Yousef Alil Nawassrah.
- (viii) The Israeli army arrested Bakr Mohammed Abu 'Ubeid in the town of 'Arraba.
- (ix) The Israeli army arrested Rabee' Tayseer Hammad in the town of As Silat al Harithiya.

TULKAREM

• <u>Closure</u>: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.

- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city) and Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city).
- <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Kafr Sur and Kur and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Deir al Ghusun and the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Lid, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented civilians under 35 years of age from leaving the city of Tulkarem.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:45, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem.
- (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Irtah in the city of Tulkarem and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Nasser Mohammed Faraj in Dahiyat Irtah in the city of Tulkarem.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 12:15, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Tulkarem in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

• <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

• 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.
- <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.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the (ii) village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 2 children, allegedly for throwing stones.
- **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of 'Azzun:
- (i) Ahmed Majdi Sweidan, 16 years old;
- Islam Saleh Sweidan, 16 years old. (ii)
- Destruction of Property: At 10:20 on 06 February 2007, an Israeli soldier caused a tractor belonging to Ahmed Yousef Khaled to turn over near the Wall gate to the village of Falamya. Israeli troops at the Wall gate searched Khaled in the electronic room, before allowing him to access his land.
- Settler Violence/Injury: At 12:00, an Israeli settler ran into a civilian vehicle on the junction to the village of Jinsafut along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, injuring 1 civilian.

Closure of Main Roads:

- The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the (i) junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern (ii) entrance to the village of Qaryut.
- Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western (i) entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The 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, thereby impeding their access.
- At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed (ii) on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.
- (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
- Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close (iv) 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.
- Flying Checkpoint/Detention/Physical Assault/Injury: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Agraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, searched civilians and vehicles, detained Rateb Fahmi Dweikat, a Palestinian National Security officer, and severely beat him, leaving him with injuries. At 13:50, Israeli troops released Dweikat.
- Attack/Injury: At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Furik checkpoint opened fire towards a civilian vehicle, critically injuring Yasser Shaheer Ishtayyeh.

NABLUS

Raids/House Occupation: At 01:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata (i) and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps and opened fire. In 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp, the Israeli army occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post. In addition, the Israeli army searched 1 building as well as a number of houses, arrested 4 civilians, and withdrew at 05:10. The Israeli army raided the town of Jamma'in, set up a checkpoint in (ii) the town's centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Nablus as well as in the refugee camps of Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma': (i) Husam Khamis Abu Mustafa; Ahmed Yousef Qatawi; (ii) Hasan Fu'ad Abu ar Ruz; and (iii) Mjahed Mohammed Sweisah. (iv) **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western (i) entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current Intifada (Uprising). (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. **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut (i) 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 (ii) **SALFIT** junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. Wall Construction: 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. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 20:45, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Haris and Qarawat Bani Hassan and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to (ii) the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 18:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 21:10. 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 **JERICHO** deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions 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. The Israeli army has also installed computers at the 2 checkpoints to examine civilians' IDs, thereby impeding civilian access. Attack: At 13:15, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho opened fire towards a number of civilians, ostensibly for throwing stones. In addition, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denying civilian access until 13:45. Raid/Curfew: Beginning at 04:30 on 07 February 2007, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the village of Al 'Auja and continued to impose curfew as of 08:00 this morning. 				
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. 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 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. Raids: At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided 'Ayda refugee camp and searched 1 house. At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Ash Shawawra and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested 1 university student. Arrests: At 01:40 on 07 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested Nabeel Ali Salah during its raid into the town of Al Khadr, in addition to those reported yesterday. The Israeli army arrested Muhannad Mahmoud Salem in the village of Ash Shawawra. The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Sa'eed Taqatqah in the town of Beit Fajjar. 				
HEBRON	 Closure: 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. 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. 				

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (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.
- Wall Construction: 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
- (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Wadi Abu Kteila, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and arrested 2 university students.
- (iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Bab az Zawiya in the city of Hebron. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 university students in the city of Hebron:
- (i) Iyad Ahmed Taha; and
- (ii) Marwan Ayyoub Skafi.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 16:00, the Israeli army detained 12-year-old Marwan Husam Maraqah in the old city of Hebron, claiming that he was wearing a military jacket. At 20:45, the Israeli army released the child.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 09:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near Al Fawwar refugee camp. Consequently, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied access to civilian vehicles until 11:50.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 08:00, a mass demonstration took place in Al 'Arrub refugee camp in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats on 1 occasion. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 9 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched.
NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars, as follows: At 12:55, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 15:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it exploded in the area from which it was launched.
GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• <u>Attack</u> : At 09:40, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards 3 Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Khan Yunis, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is partially open. From 08:00 until 17:00, the Crossing was opened only to arrivals, urgent cases, and students departing the Gaza Strip. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attack: At 08:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 7 mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.