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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 March 2007 - 08:00 08 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	5	4	9	Incl. 1 in a raid & 5 from military posts
Raids	32		32	Incl. 6 in Tulkarem and 8 in Hebron
Arrests	39	_	39	Incl. 1 child & 7 Pal. security officers
Detentions	21	_	21	Incl. 13 school students in Hebron
Wall Construction	26	_	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	_	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Confiscation of Property	4	_	4	2 Kalashnikov rifles & 2 pistols, Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	_	12	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 6 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6		6	Incl. An Nu'man village in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	32	_	32	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun and Sufa partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	1 National Security location surrounded
Palestinian Attacks	_	2	2	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measures	2	_	2	2 Israeli female citizens handed over
Demonstration	1	_	1	Against Israeli closure on Nablus city
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.

• <u>Closure</u>: 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.

• 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.

JERUSALEM

Checkpoints/Detentions:

- (i) 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.
- (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Ramot checkpoint near the village of Beit Iksa and detained a number of civilians, claiming that they attempted to cross the Green Line without access permits.

• 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. Attack: At 18:30, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire towards civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. Raid: The Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp and searched 1 house.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 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 civilian access. 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. Raids: At 21:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the Industrial Zone in the city of El Bireh. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Abu Mash'al. The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Rima as well as the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein. Arrests: At 03:05 on 07 March 2007, the Israeli army arrested 6 Palestinian security officers during its raid on the offices of the Palestinian General Intelligence Headquarters in the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, in addition to those reported yesterday: Usamah Mohammed Makhlouf; Firas at Tayeh; Badi Farhat Taha; Assem Mohammed Salameh; Mohammed Kamal Marrar; and Nader Zeidiyyeh;
JENIN	 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/Detentions:

- (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the Arab American University near the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also detained a bus transporting 14 university students, took the bus to the settlement of Move Dotan, and arrested 1 university student, after locating a pistol in his possession. At 21:00, the Israeli army released the other students.
- (ii) The Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: near Jannat Park at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin; in the area between the town of Kafr Ra'i and the village of Fahma; on the junction to the village of Ash Shuhada'; and in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Al Kufeir. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack/Injury:

- (i) At 02:00 on 07 March 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ra'i and arrested 3 civilians.
- (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Arabbuna, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (iii) At 21:05, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of 'Arraba and surrounded a Palestinian National Security location. Allegedly for throwing stones, the Israeli army opened fire and fired tear gas grenades, injuring 1 civilian sustained as a result of tear gas inhalation. At 02:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya. While patrolling the area, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
- (v) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas.

• Arrests:

(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the Arab American University near the town of Az Zababida arrested 'Imad Jamal Abu al Hayja.

The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Kafr Ra'i:

- (ii) Mohammed Omar Mohammed Salah;
- (iii) Dhiya' Amin Amin; and
- (iv) Mahmoud Hafeth Milhem.

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.
- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, 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 Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city).

	• Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted
	special Israeli permits.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the
	area until 14:25.
	(ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the
	village of Far'un. At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the village again.
	While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli
	army and civilians.
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	(iii) At 01:25, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the
	village of 'Izbat al Jarad.
	(iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of
	Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. In the refugee camp, the Israeli
	army searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. At 03:00, the Israeli
	army withdrew from the area.
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	• Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Nour ad Din 'Atef Ibrahim in Tulkarem
	refugee camp.
	• <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.
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	(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
	villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr
	Thulth and 'Azzun.
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	(i) At 01:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
OALOH IVA	Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and
QALQILIYA	searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying
	checkpoint also arrested 2 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian Preventive
	Security officer, after locating 2 Kalashnikov rifles and 2 pistols in their
	possession.
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	(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town
	of 'Azzun, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
	(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the
	city of Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian
	access.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 11:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.
	(ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun,
	after a Molotov cocktail was thrown at an Israeli settler vehicle.
	• Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to
	the city of Qalqiliya) arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer:
	and they of Quiquiya, arrested 2 of that and 1 I diestinian security officer.

	(i) Ibrahim Qasem Mara'beh, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer;
	(ii) Jasem Hamed 'Amr; and
	(iii) Tareq Nizar As'ad.
	(iv) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance
	to the town of 'Azzun arrested Munther Ahmed Shawkat.
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	 Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the
	junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei
	Shomron.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern
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	entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting
	the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing
	checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
	(i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western
	entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The
	Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to
	cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians
	using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.
	(ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed
	on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all
	other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only.
	(iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit
	Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
	(iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close
NARLIIS	the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the
MIDLES	town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing,
	only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
	(v) At 17:50, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint and denied
	civilian access in both directions, after having arrested a civilian
	ostensibly for locating an explosive device in his possession.
	• Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched a
	number of houses, and arrested 14 civilians, including brothers. At 05:20,
	the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	• Arrests:
	(i) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Waseem
	Fat'hi Hajjaj.
	The Israeli army arrested 14 civilians in the city of Nablus:
	(ii) Ashraf Darwish Abu Samrah;
	(iii) Ayman Darwish Abu Samrah;
	(iv) 'Arafeh Fayeq Dashoun;
	(v) Bashar Fayeq Dashoun;
	(vi) Mohammed Abdul Rahman Zaghloul;
	(vii) Ala' Hasan al Hajj Hasan;
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	(x) Ziyad Kamal Hawwash;
NABLUS	town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. (v) At 17:50, the Israeli army closed Huwwara checkpoint and denied civilian access in both directions, after having arrested a civilian ostensibly for locating an explosive device in his possession. • Raid: At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched a number of houses, and arrested 14 civilians, including brothers. At 05:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: (i) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Waseem Fat'hi Hajjaj. The Israeli army arrested 14 civilians in the city of Nablus: (ii) Ashraf Darwish Abu Samrah; (iii) Ayman Darwish Abu Samrah; (iv) 'Arafeh Fayeq Dashoun; (v) Bashar Fayeq Dashoun; (vi) Mohammed Abdul Rahman Zaghloul; (vii) Ala' Hasan al Hajj Hasan; (viii) Mohammed Musbah al Aghbar; (ix) Mohammed Qasem Hawwash;

	(xi) Jamal Nidhal Hawwash;
	(xii) Mohammed 'Imad al Qutob;
	(xiii) Ibrahim 'Imad al Qutob;
	(xiv) Amjad 'Adel 'Uleiwi; and
	(xv) Abdul Hamid 'Ashour.
	• <u>Detention</u> : At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Furik checkpoint detained Faten Sami Jbarah, a university female student, after she quarrelled with an Israeli female soldier. At 23:00, Israeli troops released Faten.
	Demonstration: At 12:20, a demonstration, including female civilians, took place near Huwwara checkpoint in protest against the closure imposed by the Israeli army on the city of Nablus.
	Closure of Main Roads:
	 (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western
SALFIT	 entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. <u>Checkpoints</u>:
	 (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara
	junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.
	• Raid: At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Marda.
	 <u>Arrest</u>: At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Baha' Abdul Rahim al Jallad.
	• <u>Closure</u> : The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs.
JERICHO	• <u>Checkpoints</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
	 <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 2 Israeli female citizens, located in the city of Jericho, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
BETHLEHEM	• <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.

- 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.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:50.

• Raids:

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, arrested 3 civilians, and withdrew at 05:30.
- (iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala.

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Iyad Saleem Suleiman in the town of Tuqu'. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Bethlehem:
- (ii) 'Awadh Ahmed 'Ubayyat;
- (iii) 'Eid Ahmed 'Ubayyat; and
- (iv) Khaled Mohammed Abu Jado.

• 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.
- (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

HEBRON

• 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.

- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
- Attack/Detentions: At 09:00, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades towards school students at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, ostensibly for throwing stones. The Israeli army also detained 13 students.

• Raids:

- (i) At 05:00 on 07 March 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched 1 house, and served a summons to the family of a university student, stating that he should report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Nuba.
- (iii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iv) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the towns of Sa'ir, Ash Shuyukh, Dura, and As Samoa'. In the towns of Sa'ir, Ash Shuyukh, and Dura, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child.
- (v) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the towns of Sa'ir, Ash Shuyukh, and Dura:
- (i) 'Awwad Hasan al Mtour, 17 years old;
- (ii) Ibrahim Mukhless; and
- (iii) Tawfiq Mohammed at Talahmeh.
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Iyad Yousef an Najjar in the town of Yatta.
- <u>Detentions</u>: At 08:30, the Israeli army detained a number of civilians in front of the offices of the Religious Court in the old city of Hebron and forced them to strip.

GAZA STRIP

The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army opened ALL fire towards Palestinian territory on 4 occasions. Armed Palestinian **DISTRICTS** individuals also fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar landed on Palestinian territory. <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: **NORTHERN** At 07:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 7 on the (i) **GAZA** Green Line towards a number of civilians northwest of the town of Beit At 07:50, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 3 on the (ii) Green Line towards Palestinian territory northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.

	 Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: At 21:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. At 21:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line, but it landed on Palestinian territory.
GAZA	Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	 Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 160 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara. (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 172 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is partially open for transportation of construction cargo only.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	 West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 6,148 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. Gaza Strip: Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 9. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (9) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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