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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 11 March 2007 – 08:00 12 March 2007

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	School students beaten in Nablus district
Injury	1	—	1	University student in Abu Dis, Jerusalem
Attacks	5	5	10	Incl. 5 in raids & 3 by navy boats
Raids	30	1	31	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 7 in Hebron
Arrests	26	—	26	Incl. 5 children and 1 female civilian
Expulsion	*	—	—	*Expulsion notices distributed, Hebron
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. school students in the city of Hebron
House Demolition	1	—	1	1 house in Um al Lahm village, Jerusalem
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In the district of Central Gaza
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 5 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. An Nu'man village in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	33	—	33	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 5 in Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Construction of Mil. Post	1	—	1	A tent erected near the Wall, Tulkarem
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Attempt to enter the city of Qalqiliya
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	3 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 illegal vehicle handed over, Tulkarem
TOTAL	**185**	**15**	**200**	

DISTRICT	EVENT

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.

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** 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. • **Checkpoints:** (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 the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access. • **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.

	• **Raids/Attack/Injury:** (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured Basem Jabr Wreidat, a university student. Wreidat was transported to an Israeli hospital for medical treatment. (ii) An Israeli army patrol raided the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and Ash Sheikh Sa'd and patrolled the area. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Um al Lahm and demolished 1 house, claiming that it was built without the required construction licence. • **House Demolition:** The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Fayez Mohammed Shamasneh in the village of Um al Lahm.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) 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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Sinjil and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Detentions:** (i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Qarawat Bani Zeid and Mazari' an Nubani. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 24 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and Qaddura refugee camp and searched 1 building and 1 house. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in the refugee camp. At 04:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in Qaddura refugee camp in the city of El Bireh.
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:
	(i) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: 3 on the junctions to the towns of 'Arraba and Az Zababida and the village of Sanur as well as 1 in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the road to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles.
	Raids/Attack:
	(i) At 22:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the area between the town of Tubas and the village of Al Far'a and opened fire, while pursuing a civilian vehicle. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians.
	(ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Az Zababida and searched 1 building as well as a number of houses used as dormitories for university students. The Israeli army also arrested 14 civilians (4 children and 10 university students).
	(iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and arrested 2 civilians (brothers).
	Arrests:
	(i) The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the area between the town of Tubas and the village of Al Far'a.
	The Israeli army arrested 14 civilians in the town of Az Zababida:
	(ii) Bilal Ahmed ash Sharqawi, 17 years old;
	(iii) Jawad Taleb ash Sharqawi, 16 years old;
	(iv) Mohammed Suleiman ash Sharqawi, 16 years old;
	(v) "Saddam Hussein" Fawzi ash Sharqawi, 17 years old;
	(vi) Khaled Rashid Mansour;
	(vii) Mohammed Majed Taha;
	(viii) 'Ikrimah Missleh;
	(ix) Fares Sawalhah;
	(x) Mahmoud Khandaqji;
	(xi) Bilal 'Izz ad Din Mara'be;
	(xii) Usamah Mohammed 'Abdullah;
	(xiii) Mu'ayyad Abdul Jabbar Qizmar;
	(xiv) Ahmed al Hajj Hamad; and
	(xv) Hasan Mikkawi.
	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Jenin:
	(xvi) Rabi' Ahmed Mahmoud Nassar; and
	(xvii) Qays Ahmed Mahmoud Nassar.
TULKAREM	**Closure:** 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, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya.

	• **Checkpoints:** 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. • **Flying Checkpoints:** At 17:35, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun and the other on the junction to the village of Far'un, and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Construction of Military Post:** (i) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un and erected a tent near the Wall section in the village. (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian in the city. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Ala' Abu Tahouneh in the city of Tulkarem. • **Palestinian Security Measure:** At 10:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Tulkarem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
QALQILIYA	• **Closure of Roads:** 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. • **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. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Habla and searched 1 house. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and opened fire, while patrolling the area. • **Settler Violence:** At 13:55, a group of Israeli settlers onboard a taxi attempted to enter the city of Qalqiliya. At 14:35, the Israeli army captured the settlers near the village of An Nabi Elyas.
NABLUS	• **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 entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
	• **Checkpoints:** 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 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.
	(v) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara checkpoint and impeded civilian access.
	• **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• **Raids/Physical Assaults/Detentions/Attack:**
	(i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and beat a number of students, while they were leaving their schools. The Israeli army also detained and searched a number of civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.
	(ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 04:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	• **Arrest:** On 10 March 2007, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Mu'ath Mohammed Janajreh, a Palestinian Police officer.
SALFIT	• **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 *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:**
	(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. • **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 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00. • **Raids:** (i) At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, searched 1 house, and arrested 2 brothers (a child and a university student). At 21:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) An Israeli army patrol raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 brothers in the village of Marda: (i) Qutaybah Rasmi Khuffash, 16 years old; and (ii) Ahmed Rasmi Khuffash.
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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
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.
HEBRON	• **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.

- **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.

- **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids/School Disruption/Attack:**

(i)   At dawn on 11 March 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 1 civilian.

(ii)   At 09:20, and again at 20:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Bir al Mahjar, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

(iii)   At 09:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of As Samoa', took position in front of the town's boys secondary school, and withdrew at 10:00.

(iv)   At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, set up a checkpoint in the area of As Sahleh, and searched civilians and vehicles.

(v)   At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya and fired flares, while patrolling the area.

(vi)   At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.

- **Arrests:**

(i)   At 11:10, the Israeli army arrested an unidentified female civilian in the old city of Hebron, claiming that she attempted to stab an Israeli soldier.

	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Jamil Mohammed 'Alqam in the town of Beit Ummar. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Yousef 'Amr in the town of Dura. • **Detentions/School Disruption:** At 08:00, the Israeli army detained a number of students at the Ibrahimiya School in the old city of Hebron and forced them to strip, ostensibly for searches. • **Expulsion:** The Israeli army distributed notices for expulsion of a number of civilians from the families of Ar Rashaydeh, Al Ka'abneh, As Saray'ah, and Ka'abnet ar Rawa'in from their places of residence in the areas of Wadi al Ghar and Khashm ad Daraj east of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army plans to force Palestinian residents to evict the area.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 5 occasions. The Israeli army also carried 1 raid into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 2 mortars landed on Palestinian territory.
NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. • **Attacks:** At 11:20, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 00:30, Israeli navy boats fired 2 shells towards the area. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 16:50, in an attempt to violate the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, but they landed on Palestinian territory.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 07:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Raid/Attack/Land Levelling:** At 11:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 1 kilometre into Palestinian territory near Points 119 and 124 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij and Al Maghazi refugee camps, opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, and levelled land. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

KHAN YUNIS	• **Attack:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 147 on the Green Line towards civilian houses east of the area of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.

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.