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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 19 February 2007 – 08:00 20 February 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2		2	2 civilians beaten in Ramallah & Jenin
Injury	1		1	1 child in Al 'Arrub refugee camp
Attacks	9	3	12	Incl. 6 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	28	3	31	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 2 in Central Gaza
Arrests	15	5	20	Incl. 3 children & 3 security officers
Detentions	20	—	20	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Land levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Confiscation of Property	2	—	2	A rifle & telecommunications device
House Occupation	1		1	Converted into a military post in Beit Jala
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Shuqba in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 6 in Jenin
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 Wall Gates	1	—	1	Wall gate to 'Azzun 'Atma closed
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun & Sufa partially
Settler Violence	1		1	Attempt to demolish shops in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 2 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	2		2	2 explosive devices handed over
Demonstration	1		1	Against land levelling near Aqsa Mosque
TOTAL	185	17	202	

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.
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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. 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. Checkpoint: 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.
	(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.
	• <u>Wall Construction</u> : 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: (i) The Israeli army raided the village of Ash Sheikh Sa'd and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army arrested Shadi 'Awadh Zahakah in the village of Ash Sheikh Sa'd. <u>Arrest</u>: 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. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atana and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. <u>Wall Constructions</u>: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to N' lint to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of 'Abud, inte areas of Al Midya to N' lint to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of 'Abud, inthe areas of Al Midya to N' lint to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of 'Abud, store dividians from entering or exiting the town, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire and threw Molotov cocktails at Israeli army patrols. (i) At 01:40, the Israeli army sate up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raids/Curter/Detentions/Physical Assault/Attack</u>: (ii) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Shuqba and imposed curfew. The Israeli army raided He village of Jifna and searched Zivilians, and beat Husam as Safi. (iv) At 01:35, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kabr. (ii) At 02:40, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Jifna and searched 2 houses. (iii) At 02:45, the		
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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. Flving Checkpoints: (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya; on the junction to the town of 'Arraba; and near the village of Rummana. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 06:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of As Suweitat along the settler bypass road east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of As Suweitat along the settler bypass road east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. Physical Assaul/Detention: While detaining scores of civilians, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Az Zababida. While searching a building, confrontations took place between the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. An armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and opened fire, while patrolling the area.
	Jenin, while he was carrying out his assigned security task of preventing thieves from cutting down forest trees in the area. The Israeli army also confiscated a Kalashnikov rifle as well as a telecommunications device from Zyoud.

	 (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town Az Zababida arrested Yihya Hasan Balalweh, a Palestinian National Security officer.
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 Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). Israeli troops positioned at these checkpoints also denied access to civilians under 30 years of age. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. <u>Flving Checkpoints</u>: At 10:10, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Illar and the other at the entrance to the city of Tulkarem. <u>Palestinian Security Measure</u>: At 13:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 2 handmade explosive devices, seized in the city of Tulkarem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
QALQILIYA	 <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. At 22:00, the Israeli army closed the Wall gate and denied civilian access, claiming to be investigating a suspicious object. <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. <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: (i) At 17:00, 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. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 04:00.

	 (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Jayyus and arrested 2 civilians, including a high school ("<i>Tawjihi</i>") student. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Jayyus: (i) Mohammed Mahmoud Beidhah; and (ii) Mohammed Abdul Hafeeth Khaled.
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	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: (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. <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
NABLUS	 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) At 17:00, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint set up at the western entrance to the city of Nablus, allegedly after arresting a civilian who was in possession of explosives.
	 (vi) Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus prevented civilians between 16 and 25 years of age from leaving the city.
	• <u>Raids</u> :
	 (i) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qabalan. (ii) At 04:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 05:40.
	(iii) At 04:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beita and arrested 2 civilians.
	(iv) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jamma'in.
	• <u>Arrests</u> :
	(i) At 14:10, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Yousef Hussein Abu Mustafa, a Palestinian Police officer.
	(ii) Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested an unidentified civilian.
	(iii) The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beita, including Nihad Mohammed Marjan.

	<u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :
	(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.
	• <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. At 08:00, Israeli
	troops positioned at the checkpoint denied access to civilian residents of
SALFIT	the city of Nablus who are under 25 years of age as well as to residents
	of the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem.
	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.
	• <u>Flying Checkpoint</u> : At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at
	the entrance to the village of Iskaka, searched civilian vehicles, and
	impeded civilian access until 12:00.
	Raids/Attacks:
	(i) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit, opened fire, and fired
	sound grenades, while patrolling the area.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Marda.
	(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kifl Haris. Confrontations took
	place between the Israeli army and civilians.
	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:
	(i) 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
JERICHO	Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
	(ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO
	checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and
	prevented civilians from leaving the city, only allowing access to those
	holding IDs issued in the districts of Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem,
	and Hebron.
	Detention: At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at Al Hamra checkpoint
	detained Baha' Mustafa Bani 'Odeh, a Palestinian National Security
	officer. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO),
	Israeli troops released Bani 'Odeh at 21:45.
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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. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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>Checkpoints</u>: At 15:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala as well as at the checkpoint set up near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion, impeding civilian access. <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>Raids/House Occupation</u>: (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, occupied the roof of a building, and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Walaja, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 child. <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Mohammed Omar as Seifi in the village of Al Walaja. <u>Demonstration</u>: At 11:10, a demonstration, including 500 children, took place in the city of Bethlehem in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Al Aqsa Mosque.
HEBRON	 <u>Closure</u>: 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 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/Injury: At 08:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards children at the
entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, injuring 1 child.
• Raids:
(i) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, set up a
checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis, searched
civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
• <u>Arrests</u> : At 04:30 on 19 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians
during its raid into the town of Surif:
(i) Mohammed Anwar Abu Farah;
(ii) Mu'ayyad Mohammed Abdul Qader; and
(iii) Isma'il Ibrahim Ihmeidat.
• <u>Detentions</u> : At 13:30, the Israeli army detained 2 students from Al 'Arrub
College of Agriculture at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp:
(i) Mohammed Nihad Ibrahim; and
(ii) Badr Joudeh Bani 'Odeh.
At 18:00, the Israeli army released the 2 students.
• <u>Settler Violence</u> : At 09:20, a group of Israeli settlers attempted to demolish
a number of commercial shops in the old city of Hebron using a bulldozer.
Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated the settlers from 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 carried out 3 raids into Palestinian territory. In addition, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares towards Palestinian territory on 3 occasions and arrested 5 civilians, including children, claiming that they attempted to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. Also, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 23:10, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	Activities not reported.

CENTRAL GAZA	 <u>Attacks</u>: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 140 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Deir al Balah. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares from the area near Point 117 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. The Israeli army also arrested 5 civilians, including children, claiming that they attempted to gain access into areas inside the Green Line. <u>Arrests</u>: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians east of Al Bureij refugee camp, including: (i) Rakan Khalil 'Uthman, 16 years old; and (ii) Hasan Thabet, 16 years old. <u>Raids</u>: In violation of the Israeli army, including 1 tank, 1 jeep, and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Points 30 and 35 on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah. (ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Points 114 and 117 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. At 14:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
KHAN YUNIS	 <u>Raid</u>: At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 1 tank, 1 armoured vehicle, and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 163 on the Green Line east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: At 07:20, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Sufa Crossing is partially open for the transportation of construction cargo only. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.