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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 12 March 2010 – 08:00 13 March 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	5	_	5	Incl. protestors beaten in Jerusalem
Injuries	4	—	4	4 civilians, incl. a child, in Ramallah
Attacks	5	2	7	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 by navy boats
Raids	17	1	18	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 1 in Central Gaza
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. a helicopter over Al Aqsa Mosque
Arrests (per person)	5	—	5	Incl. a guard at Al Aqsa Mosque
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling		1	1	In the district of Central Gaza
Wall Construction	22	—	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	23		23	Incl. 8 in Jerusalem and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya villages
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points		6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. vehicles stoned & civilians beaten
Demonstrations	7		7	Incl. against denied access to Al Aqsa
TOTAL	162	11	173	

ALL DISTRICTS	• Beginning at 24:00 on 11 March 2010, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts to prevent civilian demonstrations after Friday prayers of 12 March 2010. With the exception of previous-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army has prevented civilians and workers holding permits from accessing the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 13 March 2010.
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JERUSALEM	 Closure: (i) Beginning at 15:00 on 11 March 2010, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. The Israeli army also set up checkpoints at entrances to the old city of Jerusalem and denied civilian access, only allowing access to residents of the old city of Jerusalem to cross. Having allowed access to civilians above 50 years of age to perform afternoon prayers, Israeli troops detained worshippers' ID cards at the Remission and Chain Gates and closed all other gates leading to the Mosque. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers on streets and near checkpoint set up at entrances to the old city of Jerusalem. In addition to flying an aerostat, a combat helicopter patrolled the skies over Al Aqsa Mosque compound. (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
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	access the city of Jerusalem.
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	<u>Flying Checkpoints:</u>
	(i) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	the town of Bir Nabala and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	the town of Al 'Eizariya and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids:
	(i) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Iksa.
	(ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Ijza.
	(iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Duqu, set up a
	checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles.
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	Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
	(iv) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Aqab and patrolled
	the area until 01:30.
	Demonstrations/Physical Assaults:
	(i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place after Friday prayers in Wadi
	al Joz neighbourhood and in the area surrounding the old city of
	Jerusalem in protest against the Israeli authorities, who had prevented
	civilians from performing Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque
	compound. Israeli troops severely beat a number of participants and
	arrested 3 others, allegedly for throwing stones.
	(ii) At 16:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists,
	took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of
	Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlers' seizure of civilian houses.
	• Arrests:
	(i) In the morning of 13 March 2010, Israeli troops positioned at the
	checkpoint set up near the village of Hizma arrested Tareq al
	Hashlamon, a guard at Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
	neighbourhood and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem.
	• <u>Wall Gates:</u>
	(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 the area of Al 'Eizariya
	to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al
	Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the
	vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and
	in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat
	refugee camp.
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RAMALLAH	• Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt
&	barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village
EL BIREH	of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya.
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	 Flying Checkpoints: At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and impeded civilian access. At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Ur at Tahta and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Ibzi' and searched civilians and vehicles. Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including a child. A number of protestors also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih against settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians. A number of protestors also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.
JENIN	 <u>Closure of Main Road</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. <u>Flving Checkpoint</u>: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. <u>Raid</u>: At 22:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> : The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa.

	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.
	 <u>Raids</u>: At 18:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. At 18:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Lid. At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. At 07:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Seida. <u>Wall Gates</u>: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 <u>Closure of Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 11:15, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main near the village of Jit. At 11:50, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat 2 civilians (brothers), while they were working on their land near the village of Jit. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuates settlers from the area. <u>Wall Gate</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin. <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00. At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. <u>Flving Checkpoint</u>: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Ijnisinya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	 <u>Raids</u>: At 11:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. At 16:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. <u>Settler Violence</u>: (i) At 17:10, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling the main road near the settlement. (ii) At 17:35, a group of Israeli settlers gained access into the town of Huwwara and attacked a house belonging to Hasan 'Odeh. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.
SALFIT	 <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. <u>Flying Checkpoints</u>: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the Wadi Qana road connecting to the districts of Salfit and Qalqiliya and denied civilian access until 14:00. At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raid</u>: At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet Qeis. <u>Detentions</u>: At 14:30, the Israeli army detained 3 civilians (brothers), including a Palestinian Presidential Guard officer, near the town of Kafr ad Dik and released them at a later time. <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 Ariel.
JERICHO	 <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. At 10:00, the Israeli army installed an iron gate on the road. <u>Checkpoints</u>: (i) 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. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00.

(i	i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.
•	Flying Checkpoints:
	 At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Road # 90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched vehicles.
•	An Nuwei'ma and searched civilians and vehicles. <u>Raid</u> : At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of Ad Dahiyat in the city of Jericho.
• (i (i) (i) (i) (i) (i) (i) (i) (i) (i) (<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. According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. Beginning at 15:30 on 11 February 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a. <u>Flving Checkpoint</u>: at 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. <u>Arrest</u>: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion arrested Mahmoud Raed Rif'at. <u>Raids</u>:

•	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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

<u>Closure of Main Roads</u>:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.

Flying Checkpoints:

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- (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **<u>Raid</u>**: At 15:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	 At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire towards civilian houses and property in the district of Central Gaza. The Israeli navy opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya in the district of Northern Gaza.
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NORTHERN GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. <u>Attack</u>: In the morning of 12 March 2010, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya.
GAZA	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points</u>: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	• <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling</u> : At noon on 12 March 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. The Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property and levelled land.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.