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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 01 February 2006 – 08:00 02 February 2006

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten in Hebron
Attacks	1	5	6	1 in a raid & 5 from military posts
Raids	25	1	26	Incl. 4 in Jenin & 8 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Helicopters over Al Bureij RC
Arrests	14	—	14	Incl. 2 children & 2 security officers
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	2	—	2	Incl. around Shavei Shomron, Nablus
Wall Construction	28	—	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Windshield of 1 vehicle broken
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 civilian vehicle in Jericho
House Occupations	3	—	3	In Adh Dhahiriya and Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Bani Na'im, Hebron
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 2 in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoint	1	—	1	'Einav checkpoint, Tulkarem district
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. the city of Jerusalem partially
Closure of Main Roads	17	—	17	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
School Disruption	1	—	1	Teachers denied access to schools
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	A concrete wall constructed, Nablus
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Olive trees planted, Jenin
Palestinian Attack	1	—	1	Open fire towards Israeli watchtower
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	2 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	**132**	**12**	**144**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army issued Military Order # 5766/06 to prevent all Palestinian civilians, including VIPs and holders of Businessman's Cards (BMCs), from crossing the tunnel checkpoint leading to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army designated 3 crossing points for accessing areas inside the Green Line: Tarqumiya crossing point in the western Hebron district; Sham'a crossing point in the southern Hebron district; and Bilal Bin Rabah (Rachel's Tomb) checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of Bethlehem.

WEST BANK

DISTRICT	EVENT
JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Gates:** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilians and vehicles.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army closed the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih with dirt barricades. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilian vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

	• **Raids:** (i) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beitillu and arrested 3 civilians. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 3 unidentified civilians in the village of Beitillu.
JENIN	• **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Bir al Basha south of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 06:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided Jenin refugee camp and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) The Israeli army raided the areas of Al Farisiya and Al Malih in the Northern Jordan Valley east of the town of Tubas, searched a number of make-shift tents, and forced a number of civilians to evacuate, claiming that permits in their possession expire at 22:00. (iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bir al Basha. • **Settler Violence:** An Israeli settler from the settlement of Rotem planted olive trees on seized civilian land in the area of Wadi al Malih near the settlement.
TULKAREM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus and denied access to civilian vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Raids:** (i) At 18:40, an Israeli army patrol raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and the village of Al Jarushiya and patrolled the area. (ii) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and patrolled the area until 07:50. • **Arrests:** (i) At 12:15, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint arrested Ma'moun Saleh ash Shreim, a Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Amjad 'Awadh Abu al Ghaz in the city of Tulkarem.

QALQILIYA	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the town of 'Azzun with dirt barricades. • **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 village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Palestinian Security Measure:** Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and denied access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus and searched civilian vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqi on the Nablus-Ramallah main road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • **Raids:** (i) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and arrested 2 children. (iii) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus and the village of Kafr Qalil until 01:00. • **Arrests:** (i) At 03:30 on 01 February 2006, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Mu'ayyad Hussein Sadeq. The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of Beit Furik: (ii) Ziyad Wajdi Hanani, 16 years old; and (iii) Mohammed Sharif Salfak, 16 years old.

	• **School Disruption:** At 08:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik prevented teachers from crossing and accessing their schools in the town of Beit Furik, claiming that they are under 30 years of age. • **Settlement Activity/Land Levelling:** The Israeli army levelled civilian land in the area surrounding the settlement of Shavei Shomron for construction a concrete wall around the settlement.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising). • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours, impeding civilian access. (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 near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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:** The Israeli army raided the village of Sarta and arrested 5 civilians. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the village of Sarta: (i) Nitham Mohammed Misleh, (ii) Tawfeeq Hani Salah; (iii) Jum'ah Mahmoud al Khatib; (iv) 'Uthman Abdallah Misleh; and (v) Kheiri Mohammed Misleh. • **Land Levelling:** The Israeli army levelled a vast area of civilian land in the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan and the village of Haris to erect high-voltage electricity posts belonging to the Israeli Electricity Company.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. • **Confiscation of Property:** At 20:15, the Israeli army confiscated a civilian vehicle near the evacuated settlement of Elisha', after 2 civilians who were inside the vehicle fled. • **Palestinian Security Measure:** At 09:10, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Jericho, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • **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 north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • **Raids:** (i) At 08:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:05. (ii) At 16:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr and searched 1 house. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem and 'Ayda refugee camp. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (v) At 02:10, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested 'Isa Amin Sabbah, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of Tuqu'. • **Detention:** At 12:05, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint detained 2 buses transporting a number of Palestinian National Security officers until 13:20.
HEBRON	• **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.

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- **Closure of Main Roads:**
  (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin, and the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army has also continued to close with dirt barricades the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron and the entrance to the town of Idhna.
  (ii) The Israeli army continues to close all entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.
- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.
- **Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault/Destruction of Property:**
  (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
  (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and severely beat 1 civilian after breaking the windshield of his vehicle.
- **Raids/House Occupations/Detention/Curfew:**
  (i) Beginning on the dawn of 31 January 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of Adh Dhahiriya, continued to occupy 1 house, and occupied another house. The Israeli army converted the occupied houses into military posts, after detaining residents. At 09:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
  (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched 1 house.
  (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im, fired sound grenades, and imposed curfew.
- **House Occupation:** The Israeli army continues to implement Military Order # T/02/05 to seize control of the roof of 1 house in the city of Hebron and to use it as a military point from 29 December 2005 until 11 February 2006.
- **Palestinian Attack:** At 00:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army watchtower at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im.

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- Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip, ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army has prevented civilians from crossing the Green Line, only allowing access to a number of workers.

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NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure:** Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the areas of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. Prior to imposing the buffer zone, Israeli army combat aircrafts dropped flyers warning that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. • **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases only.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Attacks:** (i) At 17:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location near Kessufim gate on the Green Line towards a number of civilians, claiming that they had approached the Green Line. (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army opened fire and fired 1 flare from Point 112 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory northeast of the Al Bureij refugee camp. • **Raid/Air Patrol:** At 20:35, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 115 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. At the same time, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Attacks:** (i) At 13:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 145 on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds, claiming that they had approached the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara. (ii) At 16:45, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 151 on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds, claiming that they had approached the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	• **West Bank:** The Israeli authorities renewed 4,712 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:** The Israeli authorities renewed 5,142 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, only 4,157 workers (approximately 81% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.