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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 February 2009 – 08:00 04 February 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassination	1	—	1	An armed Palestinian individual in Jenin
Injury	1	—	1	A civilian in Al 'Isawiya, Jerusalem
Air Attack	—	1	1	A missile fired by a UAV, Northern Gaza
Attacks	7	5	12	Incl. 3 in raids and 4 by navy boats
Raids	32	—	32	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 6 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. helicopters over Qabatiya in Jenin
Arrests	28	—	28	Incl. 1 child and 1 security officer
Detentions	20	—	20	At checkpoints and in residential locales
House Demolitions	4*	—	4	Incl. 4 houses in Al 'Isawiya in Jerusalem
Wall Construction	23	—	23	Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, Hebron, and Beth.
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Fasayil in Jericho
Closure of Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarem & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	53	—	53	Incl. 9 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	4 Crossing Points partially open
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Land levelled for a settlement expansion
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. civilian vehicles stoned in Jerusalem
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	211	11	222	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 impede civilian access to the mosque. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with barbed wire and cement blocks the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, after levelling the area, and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. • 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. • Raid/Destruction of Property/Injury: On 04 February 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Isawiya and demolished 4 civilian houses as well as a support wall, claiming that they had been built without the required construction licences. While attempting to prevent house demolitions, Hazem Hussein Abu Riyaleh fell from the roof of his house and sustained injuries and contusions. • House Demolitions: In the village of Al 'Isawiya, the Israeli army demolished 4 houses belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hazem Hussein Abu Riyaleh; (ii) A brother of Hazem Hussein Abu Riyaleh; (iii) Mohammed Ahmed Mustafa; and (iv) Mousa Mohammed Hamdan. • Settler Violence: At 20:20, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Jerusalem-Jericho main road near the junction to the area of Al Khan al Ahmar. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 23:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 04 February 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Ni'lin and arrested 5 civilians. (ii) At 11:20, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 12:15. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Bil'in. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iv) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, searched a number of houses, and arrested 11 civilians. (v) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Turmus'ayya and arrested a Palestinian General Intelligence officer. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Ni'lin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Haytham Hamdan Abu Rahmeh; (ii) Ali Hamdan Abu Rahmeh; (iii) Husam Mohammed Hamad; (iv) Qassem Hasan Hamad; and (v) Fahed Jalal al Khatib. <p>The Israeli army arrested 11 civilians in the town of Silwad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vi) Hazem Abdullah Hammad; (vii) Mujahed Mohammed Majed Hammad; (viii) Mousa Lutfi Nimer Hammad; (ix) 'Ammar Lutfi Nimer Hammad; (x) Khadher Abdul Qader Hammad; (xi) Rashed Mohammed Hammad; (xii) 'Ashour Mahir Hammad; (xiii) Dhiya' Saleh Abdul 'Aal; (xiv) Firas Sami Abu Wardeh; (xv) Ahmed Sami Abu Wardeh; and (xvi) Hashem Mohammed Abdul Samad Hammad.

	<p>(xvii) The Israeli army arrested 'Awadh Muhsen Abu Samar, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in the town of Turmus'ayya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Raids/Attack: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Barta'ash Sharqiya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also prevented vehicles bearing Israeli licence plate numbers from accessing the village as well as arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 05:00, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of Qabatiya. While surrounding a house, Israeli troops opened fire, extra-judicially killing an armed Palestinian individual ('wanted' by the Israeli authorities). At 06:00, Israeli Special Forces withdrew from the area. • Assassination: Israeli Special Forces troops extra-judicially killed Ala'ad Din 'Issam Sharif Abu ar Rub. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ziyad Qabaha in the village of Barta'ash Sharqiya. • Air Patrol: At 17:00, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the town of Qabatiya. • Wall Gates: 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • Raids: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas as well as Al Far'a refugee camp.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road and at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem).

	<p>(ii) At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned at 'Einav checkpoint denied access to taxis in both directions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Wadi ar Rasha, claiming to be providing protection to Israeli surveyors while they surveyed land belonging to the village for adjusting the Wall route. (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Immatin and patrolled the area until 18:45. (iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Asira al Qibliya and Madama and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabalan. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa and patrolled the area until 19:35. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Salem, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Asira al Qibliya and arrested 1 civilian. (v) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Til, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 university students. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 04 February 2009, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Mohammed 'Issmat Farid al Jayyousi, a resident of the village of Kur in the district of Tulkarem, ostensibly because he was in possession of 3 knives. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Latif 'Issa in the village of Salem. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Jihad 'Azzam Tahseen Hamdan in the village of 'Asira al Qibliya. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 university students in the village of Til:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Mu'awiyah Mohammed Zeidan; (v) 'Arabi Ashraf as Seifi; and (vi) 'Assem 'Issa Hamed Ramadhan. • <u>House Demolitions:</u> On 04 February 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for demolition of 17 civilian houses in the village of Khirbet Tana.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) 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>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Trans-Samaria Highway near the entrance to the settlement of Birkan and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:20. • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 20:40. • <u>Settlement Activity/Land Levelling:</u> For several days, Israeli settlers from the settlement of Tapoah have been levelling civilian land north of the village of Yasuf for expansion of the settlement. Estimated at 50 <i>dunums</i> (12.355 acres), the affected land belongs to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ma'rouf Issa Hussein; (ii) Rashed Mustafa Abu Salah; (iii) Nabil Abdullah Abdul Razeq; and (iv) Abdul Raheem Saleh Mustafa Musleh. • <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 Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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. • <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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • <u>Raid/Attack/Curfew/Detentions:</u> At 06:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil, opened fire, and imposed curfew, allegedly because Israeli settler vehicles travelling along Road # 90 had been stoned. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians and released them at a later time.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) 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 two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:25. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ash Shawawra and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and patrolled the area until 14:10. (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (iii) At 16:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 17:40. (iv) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. (v) At 04:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and arrested 1 child. (vi) At 05:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Bajes 'Amr in the village of Dar Salah. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 14-year-old Shakir Abdul Wahhab Hamamreh in the village of Husan. • <u>Detention:</u> At 09:45, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Mohammed Ghazi Ridha Zeid, a Palestinian National Security officer. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 16:00, an Israeli settler closed the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem). Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated the settler from the area. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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

	<p>of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also 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, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; 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 Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash 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.</p> <p>(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 bypass Road # 60.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</p> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <p>(i) At 16:00, and again at 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Kanar in the town of Dura and searched 1 house.</p> <p>(iv) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im and opened indiscriminate fire while searching a house. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 02:45.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: (i) The Israeli army arrested Basem Suleiman Tmeizi in the town of Idhna. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Isa Mustafa Mohammed Tarayrah in the town of Bani Na'im. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Attack: Violating the ceasefire, Israeli troops and navy boats opened fire and combat aircraft fired missiles towards Palestinian territory. Also breaching the ceasefire, armed Palestinian groups fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Air Attack: In the evening of 04 February 2009, an Israeli UAV fired 1 missile towards a gathering of civilians along Salah ad Din road east of the town of Jabalya. • Attacks: (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards uninhabited areas north of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) At dawn on 05 February 2009, Israeli navy boats opened fire and fired missile mortars towards As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of limited quantities of fuel. • Attack: At dawn on 05 February 2009, Israeli navy boats opened fire and fired missile mortars towards the beach of Gaza city.
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CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 04 February 2009, 1 mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis. Access to the Gaza Strip was allowed to 31 injured civilians along with 20 attendants after they had received medical treatment at Egyptian and Saudi hospitals; 52 civilians stranded on the Egyptian border; 27 physicians; 1 journalist; as well as medical equipment and medicine. Access to Egypt was also allowed to 43 injured civilians along with 43 attendants to receive medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals; 17 civilians who hold foreign residence cards; 19 Egyptian nationals stranded in the Gaza Strip; as well as 131 physicians and 1 journalist of various nationalities. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.
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GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prisoners' Deteriorated Health Condition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Palestinian Prisoners' Club appealed to human rights organisations to immediately intervene and release Fayez Zeidan, a political prisoner from the city of Hebron. Having been sentenced to 12 years in prison, Zeidan now suffers from cancer and is on the verge of death. (ii) The family of Abdul Rahman Hasan Salah, a political prisoner from the city of Jenin and sentenced to 25 years in prison, appealed to human rights organisations and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to exercise pressure on the Israel authorities to release their son from Rimon Prison. Having lost sight in his left eye, Salah's health condition has further deteriorated. The Israeli authorities have refused to conduct a surgical operation on Salah. Additionally, Salah suffers from pain in his left arm, ulcer in the stomach, and severe pain in the back. Prison guards only give Salah tranquilisers.
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