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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 05 February 2007 – 08:00 06 February 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	**1**	1 civilian in the city of Nablus
Attacks	6	1	**7**	Incl. 5 in raids & 1 by navy boats
Raids	28	1	**29**	Incl. 8 in Nablus & 6 in Hebron
Arrests	24	—	**24**	Incl. 4 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	19	—	**19**	Incl. Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister
Wall Construction	26	—	**26**	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
House Occupation	1	—	**1**	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	**16**	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	**18**	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 3 in Qalqiliya
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 Crossing Points	—	5	**5**	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
TOTAL	**177**	**7**	**184**	

DISTRICT	EVENT

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and prevent civilians from accessing the mosque, only allowing access to female civilians and civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs who are above 45 years of age. This Israeli measure aims to prevent any demonstration against the Israeli authorities' intention to carry out excavations near Bab al Maghariba. • **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. • **Wall Gates:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna. • **Raids:** (i) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Iksa and searched 1 house.

	(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and arrested 1 high school ("*Tawjihi*") student. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Haytham Hasan 'Ureiqat in the town of Abu Dis.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Abu Shukheidim and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Turmus'ayya and searched civilians and vehicles travelling in both directions. • **Raids/Attacks:** (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya, opened indiscriminate fire, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer, after having searched his house. At 20:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town again and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kobar. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Iyad Ahmed an Najjar, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of Beituniya.
JENIN	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	• **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of 'Anza, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • **Raids:** (i) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Barta'a and searched a number of commercial shops. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Jenin refugee camp and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas. • **Arrests:** (i) At 02:30 on 05 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested Maha Qasem 'Ardhah, a female university student, during its raid into the town of 'Arraba. Israeli troops also served a summons to 'Ardhah's family stating that her brother, Ahmed whom the Israeli authorities describe as "wanted", should surrender himself to the Israeli army. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ahmed ad Duqum, a Palestinian National Security officer, in Jenin refugee camp.
TULKAREM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city) and Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city). • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Raids:** (i) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Jarushiya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian Civil Defence officer. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta and arrested 2 civilians. • **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Ihab Salam Qa'dan, a Palestinian Civil Defence officer, in the village of Al Jarushiya. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Anabta: (ii) Abdul Jabbar Rashid Rizq; and (iii) Thaer Mohammed Shihadeh.
QALQILIYA	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of 'Azzun along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:50, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city), and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya arrested a university student. • **Raid:** The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. • **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya arrested Anas Rizq Qaraqe'. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Shadi Ghazi 'Ubeid, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in the village of Kafr Qaddum.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, thereby impeding their access. (ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only. (iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30. (iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Burin and Madama, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

	• **Raids/House Occupation/Attacks/Injury:** (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, occupied 1 building in the area of Nablus al Jadida, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also installed computers inside the building and erected a transmitter on its roof. At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city again and patrolled the area. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Iba. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qabalan. (iv) At 02:40, the Israeli army, including 28 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Askar refugee camps. While searching a number of buildings and houses, the Israeli army opened fire, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army also arrested 11 civilians, including brothers. At 07:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (v) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:10. • **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the villages of Burin and Madama arrested Shadi Abdul Rahman Hindi. The Israeli army arrested 11 civilians in the city of Nablus as well as in Balata and 'Askar refugee camps: (ii) Mousa Waleed ash Shawwa; (iii) Mohammed Tayseer at Tik; (iv) Mohammed Ahmed Hassouneh; (v) 'Afeef Ahmed Hassouneh; (vi) Samer Khaled al Kharraz; (vii) Shareef Kharraz; (viii) Majdi Bilal Abdul Fattah; (ix) Mohammed 'Azzam Yaseen; (x) Rami 'Azzam Yaseen; (xi) Nasser Sa'di az Zubeidi; and (xii) 'Ammar Azhar Masroujeh. (xiii) The Israeli army arrested Jawdat Rashid Mansour in the village of Kafr Qalil.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.

	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area until 17:20.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • **Checkpoints:** (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 as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. The Israeli army has also installed computers at the 2 checkpoints to examine civilians' IDs, thereby impeding civilian access. (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Road # 90 and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and searched a number of houses. • **Arrest:** At 09:10, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Muhannad Ahmed as Sa'aydeh, while he was travelling to Jordan. • **Detentions:** Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge detained Dr. Nasser ad Din ash Sha'er, the Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister, as well as Dr. Sameer Abu 'Eisheh, the Palestinian Minister of Planning and Finance, for a period of 7 hours. The Israeli authorities prevented Ash Sha'er and Abu 'Eisheh from departing the Palestinian territory to join the Palestinian government delegation taking part in the dialogue session to be held in the city of Mecca in Saudi Arabia.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.

	• **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • **Raid:** At 10:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.
HEBRON	• **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 10:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Halhul, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Idhna.

	(iii) At 16:05, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint along 'Ein Sara Street, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 1 civilian. (v) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ula. (vi) At 04:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and searched a number of houses. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Iyad Mousa Barad'iyyeh in the town of Surif.

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 1 raid into Palestinian territory. In addition, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats on 1 occasion.
NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • **Raid:** At 10:05, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory near Point 14 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya and withdrew at 19:45.
GAZA	• Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	• Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	• Activities not reported.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • **Attack:** At 13:45, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.