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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 06 February 2007 – 08:00 07 February 2007

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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	—	2	**2**	Near Sufa Crossing in Rafah
Attacks	9	1	**10**	Incl. 6 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	28	—	**28**	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 4 in Qalqiliya
Arrests	24	—	**24**	Incl. 4 children & 3 Pal. security officers
Detentions	17	—	**17**	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Wall Construction	26	—	**26**	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	**1**	Land levelled near Bab al Maghariba, Jer.
House Occupation	1	—	**1**	Converted into a mil. post, Tulkarem RC
Curfew	1	—	**1**	Over the village of Al 'Auja, Jericho
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	**15**	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	**12**	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
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	—	4	**4**	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attack	—	1	**1**	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	4	—	**4**	Against land levelling in Jerusalem
TOTAL	**176**	**8**	**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 civilian demonstration against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. In addition, the Israeli army intensified its security measures and provided protection to machines and bulldozers while levelling the road. • **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.

	• **Attack:** At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire towards a number of children, allegedly for throwing stones. • **Raids:** (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Ar Ram, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and arrested 1 child. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the old city of Jerusalem: (i) Nasser Qaws; (ii) Dhirar Muna; (iii) Hazem Gharableh; and (iv) Murad Hasan. (v) The Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Mustafa Murad Hjazi 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 Checkpoint:** At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attacks:** (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beituniya. At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 22:45, Israeli Special Forces raided the city of Ramallah, opened fire, and fired flares. (iii) At 02:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kafr 'Ein. (iv) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, searched 2 houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew 04:30. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Mohammed al Mazra'awi in the city of Ramallah.
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.

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	• **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 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Ya'bad, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jadida and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 05:00, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Tammun and searched 1 house. (iii) The Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Zububa. • **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Ya'bad arrested Mohammed Hussein Dhabaya, a Palestinian National Security officer.
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/Attack/House Occupation:** (i) At 15:10, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided Tulkarem refugee camp. While searching 5 houses, the Israeli army fired sound grenades and flares. In addition, the Israeli army occupied 1 building, converted it into a military post, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child, as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	• **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Abdullah 'Adel Mohammed in the town of Bal'a. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in Tulkarem refugee camp: (ii) Marwan Munther al Madani, 17 years old; (iii) Yihya Mahmoud Sbeitan, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (iv) Sa'eed Fawaz'ah. • **Demonstration:** At 12:30, a demonstration, including civilians in vehicles, took place in the city of Tulkarem in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
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 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 child. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 13:40, the Israeli army raided the villages of Beit Amin and 'Azzun 'Atma, after having closed the Wall gate to the village of 'Azzun 'Atma. Claiming that unidentified individuals had stabbed an Israeli settler, the Israeli army arrested 6 civilians, including 1 child and 3 brothers. (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (iii) At 06:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 07:20. • **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun arrested 15-year-old Mohammed 'Imad Radhwan. The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the villages of Beit Amin and 'Azzun 'Atma: (ii) Ali Abdullah Omar, 17 years old; (iii) 'Izz ad Din Abdullah Omar; (iv) Abdul Salam Abdullah Omar;

	(v) Mohammed 'Imad Radhwan; (vi) Marwan Nitham Hamd Allah; and (vii) Bilal Mohammed Mahmoud. • **Demonstration:** At 18:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Qalqiliya in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
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. • **Raids:** (i) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and searched 1 house. (ii) At 03:15, the Israeli army, including 16 jeeps, raided Balata and 'Askar refugee camps in the city of Nablus, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Arrests:** (i) At 02:40 on 06 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested 'Imad ad Dakash, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, during its raid into the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Askar refugee camps, in addition to those reported yesterday. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in Balata and 'Askar refugee camps in the city of Nablus: (ii) Fadi Mustafa Hmeidan; (iii) Fadhel Ibrahim Abu Salem; and (iv) Mohammed Ali Hashash.

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 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ad Dik. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 19:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 21:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area until 21:45.
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:** 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. • **Raid/Curfew:** At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and imposed curfew, allegedly because stones were thrown at Israeli vehicles travelling along Road # 90. The Israeli army continues to impose curfew over the village as of 08:00 this morning.
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.

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- **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.
- **Raids:**
  - (i) At 14:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area.
  - (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 4 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 1 civilian.
- **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Haytham 'Adnan Sbeih in the town of Al Khadr.
- **Demonstrations:**
  - (i) At 11:20, a demonstration, including university students, took place in the city of Bethlehem in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb).
  - (ii) At 14:30, civilians held a sit-in demonstration in the yard of the Nativity Church in the city of Bethlehem in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

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- **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.

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<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.
<u>**Flying Checkpoint:**</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Beit Ummar and Al 'Arrub refugee camp along the Hebron-Bethlehem main road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
<u>**Raid:**</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and arrested 1 university student.
<u>**Arrest:**</u> The Israeli army arrested Hussein Mohammed ash Shawahin in the city of Hebron.

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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 1 occasion, injuring 2 civilians. In addition, 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 15:55, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	<u>**Closure of Crossing Point:**</u> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<u>**Closure of Crossing Points:**</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is open. At 09:00, the Crossing was opened to civilian passengers in both directions. (iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. <u>**Attack:**</u> At 07:30, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 207 on the Green Line towards a number of civilians in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing, injuring 2 civilians.