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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 February 2007 – 08:00 09 February 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	1 female civilian in the district of Nablus
Attacks	3	2	5	Incl. 1 in a raid & 2 from military posts
Raids	11	—	11	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 4 in Hebron
Arrests	8	5	13	Incl. 2 brothers at sea in the Rafah district
Detentions	16	—	16	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	20	—	20	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 7 in Jenin
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	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Ambulances denied access, Nablus
Palestinian Attacks	1	2	3	Incl. 2 unidentified mortars fired, N. Gaza
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against land levelling in Jerusalem
TOTAL	140	15	155	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<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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JERUSALEM	<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 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 civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Qatanna and searched civilians and vehicles.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. The Israeli army has also installed surveillance cameras at the checkpoint. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr ‘Ein and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:45.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Az Zababida and the other in the area between the villages of Jalqamus and Al Mughayyir, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of ‘Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: along the Jenin-Nablus road; between the town of Tammun and the village of ‘Aqqaba; and between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of Silat al Harithiya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians. At 06:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:30 on 08 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested Samer Mahmoud Qannawi during its raid into the town of ‘Arraba, in addition to those reported yesterday.

	<p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silat al Harithiya:</p> <p>(ii) Usamah Yasser Zyoud; and</p> <p>(iii) Mohammed Hussein Zyoud.</p>
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Lid, searched civilians and vehicles, and prevented civilians under 35 years of age from leaving the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 17:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 17:20, Israeli Special Forces troops (disguised in a civilian vehicle) raided the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: Israeli Special Forces troops arrested 2 civilians in the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rabee' Yousef 'Ammar; and (ii) Anas Usamah Tu'meh.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of 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: 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 Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:20. • <u>Attack/Injury/Medical Obstruction:</u> At 16:20, Israeli troops positioned at Al Badhan checkpoint opened fire towards and injured Tahani Bani 'Odeh, a female civilian, claiming that she attempted to stab an Israeli soldier. Israeli troops also denied access to ambulances to offer prompt first aid treatment to Bani 'Odeh. However, an Israeli ambulance later transported the injured female civilian to an Israeli hospital. • <u>Raids:</u> At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp as well as patrolled the area until 04:30.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <i>Intifada</i> (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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • <u>Raid:</u> At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit, set up a checkpoint along the road leading to the town of Bruqin, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 17:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 08 February 2007, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. (ii) At 09:05, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Dahiyat Ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Omar 'Izbeh, 17 years old; and (ii) Hatem Ibrahim ad Dibes. • Palestinian Attack: At 18:55, armed Palestinian individuals threw an explosive device at Israeli troops guarding the Wall in the vicinity of the town of Al Khadr.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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 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 Checkpoints:**

(i) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.

(ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and searched civilians and vehicles.

(iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.

(iv) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids:**

(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Bab az Zawiya in the city of Hebron. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

(ii) At 18:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Yatta and patrolled the area.

(iii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 2 houses.

- **Arrest:** At 18:30, the Israeli army arrested 17-year-old Omar Rizq ash Sharawneh near the Wall west of the village of Deir Samit.

- **Demonstration:** At 12:55, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Hebron 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 in the area of Bab az Zawiya in the city.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 2 occasions. In addition, the Israeli navy arrested 2 civilians, while they were fishing at sea opposite the city of Rafah's beach. Furthermore, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 11:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army opened fire from the area between Points 148 and 149 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the area of Al Qarara. (ii) At 15:50, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 147 on the Green Line towards a number of civilians east of the area Al Qarara. Arrests: At 22:45, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fadi Sameer an Najjar; (ii) Ahmed Khaled an Najjar; and (iii) Akram Ghazi an Najjar.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Arrests: At 07:00 on 08 February 2007, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli navy arrested 2 civilians (brothers), while they were fishing at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yousef Abdul Kareem Miqdad; and (ii) Abdullah Abdul Kareem Miqdad.