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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 13 February 2007 – 08:00 14 February 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	3	1	**4**	Incl. 2 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	25	—	**25**	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 6 in Ramallah
Air Patrol	1	—	**1**	Troops dispatched by a combat helicopter
Arrests	27	—	**27**	Incl. 5 children & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	21	—	**21**	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	—	**26**	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	4	—	**4**	Incl. 50 olive trees cut down in Ramallah
House Occupation	1	—	**1**	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	**16**	Incl. 2 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	**13**	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 3 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	—	3	**3**	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	2	—	**2**	Incl. a village raided in Hebron district
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	**2**	Incl. 1 explosive device detonated, Jenin
TOTAL	**178**	**5**	**183**	

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 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:**
	(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.

	• **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beit Iksa and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Biddu and Qatanna. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Duqqu. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in Al Mukabbir Mount neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem: (i) Fakhri 'Abed Hasan 'Abdu; (ii) Ali 'Isa Abu Sakran; (iii) Mousa Mohammed 'Ubeidat; (iv) Firas Jawad 'Ubeidat; (v) Fadi Isma'il as Salhout; and (vi) Mousa Mohammed 'Uweisat.
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 under 35 years of age who hold 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. • **Raids:** (i) At 14:45, and again at 23:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area. (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and arrested 1 university student. (iii) At 22:35, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. At 03:25, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 03:50. (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Beituniya and searched 3 houses. • **Arrests:** (i) The Israeli army arrested Suhayb Ibrahim Zahran in the village of Deir Abu Mash'al. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Jiyad 'Awni Jibreel in the city of Ramallah. • **Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:** A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Halamish cut down 50 olive trees on civilian land belonging to the village of Deir Nidham.

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:** The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Az Zababida as well as the villages of Al Kufeir and Sir and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Palestinian Attack:** (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jalbun, searched a number of houses, and combed mountains around the village, after armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol along the Wall. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 04:00.
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:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city). (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Beit Lid and the village of Kur, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • **Raids/Air Patrol:** (i) At 09:50, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed the area between the town of Beit Lid as well as the villages of Kur and Kafr Sur. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem and searched the offices of the Working Women's Association as well

	as a number of houses. In the refugee camp, the Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer. At 04:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Arrests:** (i) At 18:10, Israeli troops positioned at 'Einav checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Tulkarem arrested 15-year-old Mohammed Raddad 'Abbas, allegedly for locating a knife in his possession. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer in Tulkarem refugee camp: (ii) 'Atiyyeh Jamal az Zayet, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer; and (iii) Nassr Allah Riyadh Nassr Allah.
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 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles.
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, 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. (v) At 10:10, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint and impeded civilian access. • **Raids/Destruction of Property/Attack/House Occupation/Detentions:** (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir al Hatab and demolished a barracks used for manufacturing metal chairs. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Askar refugee camps. In the refugee camps, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. In the city, the Israeli army occupied 1 building, converted it into a military post, and searched 1 house, after having detained residents. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Zeita and destroyed the doors of a number of commercial shops. • **Arrest:** At 01:00 on 13 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested Zahi Zahi Abu Kousa during its raid into the city of Nablus and the refugee camps of Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma', in addition to those reported yesterday.
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. At 09:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint denied access to civilians under 35 years of age. • **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 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bruqin, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access until 13:00. • **Raid:** The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya.
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 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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. (ii) From 05:30 until 06:00, the Israeli army closed 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 as well as the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho.
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 15:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. • **Arrest:** At 01:00 on 13 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed Mohammed al 'Assa during its raid into the town of Al 'Ubeidiya.
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.

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(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 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids:**

(i)   At dawn on 13 February 2007, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharsa and arrested 6 civilians, including 2 children.

(ii)   At dawn on 13 February 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 civilian.

(iii)   At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.

- **Arrests:**

(i)   At 00:50 on 13 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Abdullah Faraj Allah during its raid into the town of Idhna.

At 01:20 on 13 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians during its raid into the city of Hebron:

(ii)   Abdul 'Atheem Jamil an Natsheh;

(iii)   Sameer Abdul Haleem Dweik; and

(iv)   'Adnan Abdul Majeed Abu Tabbaneh.

At 18:00, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 children, while they were tending sheep near the Wall in the vicinity of the town of Beit 'Awwa:

(v)   Mu'ath Abdul Majeed al Qahoush, 15 years old;

(vi)   Ahmed 'Ayed as Suweiti, 15 years old; and

(vii) Khaled Ibrahim as Suweiti.

The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Kharsa:

(viii) Isma'il az Zabadi, 17 years old;

(ix)   Nidhal Shiblein az Zabadi, 17 years old;

(x)   Salem Abdul Jaleel ash Shahatit;

(xi)   Yousef Abdul Jaleel ash Shahatit;

(xii) Rami Ahmed Mahmoud; and

(xiii) Samer Mohammed ash Shahatit.

(xiv) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Younes ar Rjoub in the town of Dura.

- **Settler Violence:** At 15:30, a group of Israeli settlers raided the village of Khirbet Salama in an attempt to assault civilian residents. Consequently, the Israeli army forced the settlers out of the village.

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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. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. • **Attack/Injury:** At 16:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area near Point 64 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 15:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
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) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.