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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 February 2006 – 08:00 17 February 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	2	2	4	Incl. 20 artillery shells fired
Raids	29	—	29	Incl. 8 in Jenin & 7 in Bethlehem
Arrests	25	—	25	Incl. 7 children & 1 security officer
Detentions	9	—	9	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	29	—	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	1 solid waste dump closed, Salfit
House Occupations	2	—	2	Converted into mil. posts in Qabatiya
Closure of Checkpoints	3	—	3	Incl. Tayasir checkpoint, Jenin
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 2 in Nablus & 2 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	20	—	20	Incl. entrance to the village of Sinjil
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
School Disruption	1	—	1	Construction of 1 school prohibited
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	1	3	Incl. shelling near 1 Pal. security post
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 unidentified mortar fired
TOTAL	139	8	147	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

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 and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • Raids/Detention: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:40, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched 1 house, arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer, and withdrew at 00:10. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 1 house, detained 3 civilians, and withdrew at 01:25. (iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Mazari' an Nubani, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 01:15. (iv) At 01:20, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah. (v) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Abdul Hadi Kharmeh, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer, in the village of Kafr 'Ein.

	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Hamzeh al Yaseeni in the town of Beituniya.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and denied access to civilians, including those possessing permits to cross checkpoints. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Jenin-Haifa road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/House Occupations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 19:00 on 15 February 2006, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of Qabatiya, occupied 1 house, converted it into a military post, and patrolled the area. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad and arrested 3 school students. (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. (iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Rummana, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 01:00. (v) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Zububa, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (vi) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp until 06:00. (vii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ra'i, opened indiscriminate fire, searched a number of houses, and arrested 11 civilians, including 4 children. At 07:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 school students in the town of Ya'bad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Jihad Muneer Abu Bakr, 16 years old; (ii) Muneer Husni Qneiri, 16 years old; and (iii) Yousef 'Uqbab, 16 years old. <p>The Israeli army arrested 11 civilians in the town of Kafr Ra'i:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Mustafa 'Atef Milhem, 17 years old; (vi) Ahmed Mustafa Ya'aqbeh, 17 years old; (vii) Mu'men Jihad Milhem, 17 years old; (viii) Muhannad Ahmed Sbeih, 17 years old; (ix) Mohammed Majed Milhem; (x) 'Issam Nabeel Thyab; (xi) Ahmed 'Ayed Jaber; (xii) Mohammed Ahmed Hasan; (xiii) Jihad Shaher Subh; (xiv) Dhiya' Mohammed Amin; and

	(xv) Mus'ab Mohammed Thyab.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus, denying access to civilian vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raid: On the dawn of 16 February 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 06 February 2006, the Israeli army arrested 'Ahed Mohammed Fawaz'ah while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence Service at the DCO offices west of the city of Tulkarem. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Jabbar Tweir in the town of 'Attil.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the main road connecting the city of Qalqiliya to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:00. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:55, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, took position near the Command Headquarters of the Palestinian National Security forces, and patrolled the area until 13:15. (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the village of An Nabi Elyas, claiming that civilians had thrown stones at Israeli settler vehicles. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and withdrew at 03:40.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which

	<p>branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Jamma'in and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and took position near the town's Palestinian Police station. (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire, while searching a number of houses. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city and the refugee camp. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Lu'ay Abu Za'rour; (ii) Saleh Fakhri Dweikat; (iii) Rami Mirshed Mohammed al Hajj; and (iv) Mohammed Kamal Tirawi.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda with dirt barricades. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards 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 near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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. • Raid: At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Salfit until 10:30. • School Disruption: The Israeli army prohibited the construction of 1 school west of the town of Deir Ballut, claiming that it is in close proximity to the Wall.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> The Israeli army closed the solid waste dump belonging to the town of Deir Ballut.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al ‘Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint at the entrance to the village of ‘Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and to prevent civilians from crossing in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis. (iii) At 22:25, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 09:45, and again at 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al ‘Auja on Al Mu’arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ala’ ad Din Safi Hamayel; and (ii) ‘Issam Amjad al Kahlah.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. The Israeli army considers the civilians’ residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues north of ‘Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the cities of Beit Jala and Bethlehem. (ii) At 12:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al ‘Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah and patrolled the area until 14:15. (iii) At 23:55, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.

	<p>(iv) At 01:30, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp.</p> <p>(v) At 02:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.</p>
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, and the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the town of Idhna and the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'. • Raids: At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the towns of Yatta and As Samoa', set up 2 checkpoints at their entrances, and searched 1 house in the town of Yatta. At 13:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army partially eased the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, and humanitarian cases. • <u>Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> Between 15:10 and 15:50, the Israeli army fired 20 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 17:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 15:35, the Israeli army opened fire from its location inside the Green Line towards a number of Palestinian farmers east of the area of Khuza'a.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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 Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.