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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 February 2007 – 08:00 17 February 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	8	—	8	Incl. 2 children and 1 journalist
Attacks	15	1	16	Incl. 5 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	18	—	18	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 3 in Tulkarem
Arrests	16	—	16	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	20	—	20	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Land levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
House Occupations	2	—	2	Converted into military posts in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 2 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 Attacks	2	—	2	Fire opened, Jerusalem & Tulkarem
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	1	A hole in border wall sealed off, Rafah
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Incl. against Wall construction in Bil'in
TOTAL	153	6	159	

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"> <p>Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers, only allowing access to male and female civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs who are above 50 and 40 years of age respectively. 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. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound.</p> <p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>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.</p> <p>Wall Gates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack/Injuries:</u> At 13:15, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint opened fire and fired sound as well as tear gas grenades towards civilians who were throwing stones at the Israeli army, after it prevented them from crossing the checkpoint to access the city of Jerusalem and perform Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque. The Israeli troops injured 4 civilians and arrested 6 others. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested 6 unidentified civilians. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire towards civilian houses in Qalandiya refugee camp.
<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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Halamish and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 02:30. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha al Misbah and arrested 3 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of Kharbatha al Misbah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Abdul Ra'ouf 'Atiyyeh; (ii) Iyad Badr Hamayel; and (iii) Hammoudeh Mohammed Hammoudeh. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:45, a mass demonstration took place in the centre of the city of Ramallah in protest against the Israeli army's land levelling near Bab al Maghariba leading to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. (ii) A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and protestors.

<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the villages of ‘Aqqaba and ‘Anza and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and opened intensive fire, while patrolling the area. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the village of Sanur and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint in the village’s centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians. At 02:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Sanur: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Raed Abdullah az Zaghat; and (ii) Ahmed ‘Amer.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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 Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as ‘Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Raids/Attack: At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and opened intensive fire, while patrolling the area. At 01:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: On 15 February 2007, the Israeli army arrested Hamadeh Ali as Samman, while he was reporting to the Israeli army at the DCO offices. • Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack/Raid: At 14:00, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops guarding the Wall in the vicinity of the village of Far’un. Consequently, Israeli troops opened fire.

	<p>The Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, also raided the village and combed the area along the Wall.</p>
<p>QALQILIYA</p>	<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 was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoint/Detention: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a Palestinian National Security officer. After coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint released the Palestinian officer. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of ‘Azzun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shurayh Mohammed Saleem; and (ii) Zeid Husam Saleem.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<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. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul 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, 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) At 08:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint and impeded civilian access. (vi) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus denied access to civilians under 35 years of age. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack/House Occupations:</u> At 00:20, the Israeli army, accompanied by 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps. The Israeli army opened fire in the centre of the city. In addition, the Israeli army occupied 2 buildings, converted them into military posts, and searched a number of houses. At 04:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul 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> <ul 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 was suspended for the weekend 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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:45. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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) At 13:00, the Israeli army closed the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, after a number of children burnt

	<p>wheel tyres along the main street. At 13:35, the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 17:20, the Israeli army fired flares over the area between the villages of Al 'Auja and An Nuwei'ma. • <u>Detention:</u> Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge prevented Mohammed Isma'il al Khatib from travelling to Jordan for medical treatment.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <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 was suspended for the weekend 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. • <u>Attack/Injuries:</u> At 13:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) opened fire towards civilians who were throwing stones at the Israeli army, after preventing them from crossing the checkpoint to access the city of Jerusalem and perform Friday prayers at Al Aqsa Mosque. As a result, Israeli troops injured 2 civilians, including 1 child. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 11:40, the Israeli army severely beat Mahmoud Dawoud 'Uthman, while he was working in the settlement of Beitar. Consequently, 'Uthman was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00 on 16 February 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Za'tara and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (ii) At 10:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Khalil Yousef Zawahreh, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the town of Za'tara. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ibrahim Suleiman al Qurba in the city of Beit Jala.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations took place between Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint and civilians. • Attack/Injury: At 15:40, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron opened fire towards civilians in the area of Bab az Zawiya, allegedly for throwing stones. As a result, the Israeli troops injured 1 child. • Raid/Injury: At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, while they were marching in a funeral. As a result, the Israeli army injured Nasser Hussein ash Shyoukhi, a journalist.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats.
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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. • Attack: At 18:50, the Israeli navy opened fire and fired sound mortars towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Al Waha beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 10:30, Palestinian security forces sealed off a hole made in the Egyptian border wall in the area opposite the city of Rafah. Palestinian security forces also evacuated a number of children, while they were playing near the hole.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deportation: The Israeli authorities deported Ruwaydah Freitikh, a female political prisoner, to Jordan. Ruwaydah is the wife of Sami Fahmi 'Uweijan, a political prisoner, and mother of a 6-year-old child. The child has been away from his mother and now lives with his grandmother in the city of Nablus.
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