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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 February 2011 – 08:00 18 February 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	—	2	2	2 workers injured in Gaza
Attacks	3	1	4	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	21	—	21	Incl. 3 in Salfit and 6 in Hebron
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	Incl. 3 children and a security officer
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. a child confined to house arrest
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	13	—	13	Incl. barracks and makeshift houses
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A civilian vehicle seized in Hebron
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Farmers denied access to their groves
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	19	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	31	—	31	Incl. 10 in Qalqiliya and 8 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	50	—	50	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 17 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	A mosque demolished in Tubas
School Disruption	*	—	—	Notice to evacuate a school, Hebron
TOTAL	178	7	185	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. (i) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba’. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • Raid: At 10:50, the Israeli army raided Abu Dis town, pursued a civilian vehicles, and patrolled the area until 12:00. • Arrest: At 00:35, Israeli troops arrested Sief ad Din Ghassan al Hasasneh, a resident of Shuyukh al ‘Arrub village in Hebron district, from his workplace in Har Homa settlement in Jerusalem city. • Detention: On 16 February 2011, the Israeli army detained Marwan al A’war’s 13-year-old son, a resident of Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. The Israeli Police demanded that the father bring his son to an Israeli Police station for interrogation. Israeli Police officers released the boy after they had issued an order to confine him to house arrest for a period of four consecutive days as well as to pay a fine of ILS 500 (approximately USD 135). • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za’ayyem village; and in Wadi al ‘Eizariya west of Ma’ale Adumim settlement.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</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 entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and ‘Ein Samiya villages. (ii) Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to ‘Atara town, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) At 18:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Sinjil town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bir Zeit town. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Abu Shukheidim town and arrested a civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mash’hour Abu Thaher in Abu Shukheidim town. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of ‘Abud town in the area surrounding ‘Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint, which was set up at 07:30 on 17 February 2011 at the entrance to Zububa village, arrested Dhiya’ ‘Isa ‘Ubeidi. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. Again at 08:00, Israeli troops intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Bardala village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack on Religious Site/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided Khirbet Yarza village and demolished a mosque, which had been reconstructed around five months ago. The Israeli army also demolished barracks, sheep pens, and makeshift houses belonging to members of 10 families: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Na’im Hafeth Musa’eed; (ii) Hasan Khaled Daraghmeh; (iii) Fayez Hamed Daraghmeh; (iv) Sami Khaled Daraghmeh;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Khaled Mohammed Daraghmeh; (vi) Mohammed Mahmoud Daraghmeh; (vii) Fawzi Mahmoud Musa'eed; (viii) Hafeth Na'im Musa'eed; (ix) Mahmoud Fawzi 'Einabousi; and (x) Omar Khaled Daraghmeh. <p>At 14:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided 'Aqqaba town and patrolled the area until 01:00.</p>
TULKAREM	<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 road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades a detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Checkpoint/Detentions:</u> At 16:55, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Israeli troops also detained a number of civilians and released them at a later time. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Lid town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid/Destruction of Property:</u> At 12:20, the Israeli army raided Khirbet Jubara village, demolished a number of barracks, and combed the area west of the village. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jit village. At 19:55, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:20. (iii) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Jinsafut village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Jit and Immatin villages and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kafr Thulth town and searched civilians and vehicles. (vii) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun town and 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Attack:</u> At 13:15, the Israeli army raided Jit village, opened fire, fired sound grenades, closed entrances to the village with checkpoints, and denied access to or from the village. At 15:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras ‘Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma’ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	<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 the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma’in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At ‘Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. (iii) At 14:45, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the Shavei Shomron checkpoint on the Nablus-Jenin main road. At 19:55, the Israeli army intensified restrictions again and impeded civilian access until 20:20. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, and again at 00:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 14:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Salem, 'Azmut, and Deir al Hatab and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Talluza and Al Far'a villages and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 17:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Jamma'in town and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (vii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:50, the Israeli army raided the eastern quarters of Nablus city and patrolled these areas until 17:00. (ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Talluza village. (iii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided Beit Furik town and patrolled the area until 03:30.
SALFIT	<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 and cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to two detour roads connecting Marda village to its respective farmland. (iii) The Israeli army continues to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impede civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided Marda village, set up a checkpoint at its north-western entrance, denied civilian access to or from the village, and patrolled the area. At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled it until 00:35. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Deir Istiya town and patrolled the area until 21:30. • <u>Detention:</u> At 17:50, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained Mahir Sayel, a Palestinian Police officer, and released him at 18:15 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:30. (ii) At 19:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Fasayil village and searched civilians and vehicles until 20:30. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Nasser Ali Idrees al Ashqar, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, while he was travelling to Jordan.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) According to Military Order # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07. (iii) Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to Beit Jala city, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a child. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the settler bypass road near Beit Ta'mir village, searched vehicles, detained Mohammed Khalil Ibrahim Hamideh, and released him at 18:35. (iii) At 00:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Fajjar town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:15, the Israeli army raided Al Khadr town. While patrolling the area, Israeli troops pursued four children in an attempt to arrest them. (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided Husan village. Confrontations took place between and civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area. At 00:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the north-western entrance to Beit Jala city arrested 14-year-old Mohammed Jaber Mohammed 'Odeh. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S on the closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani village. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road between Al Karmil and At Tuwani villages; all roads leading to Road # 60; and the road connecting Surif town to Al Jab'a village. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. (v) At 14:00, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades detour roads in the Al 'Arqan area along the Adh Dhahiriya-As Samoa' main road. (vi) At 15:00, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades detour roads near Beit 'Amra and Wadi ash Shajina villages. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town) and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/School Disruption/Detentions/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city. At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city again, arrested a civilian, and withdrew at 01:25. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided Arab al Hathalin area east of Yatta town. With the intention to use it for military purposes, the Israeli army delivered a notice to the principal of the basic school to evacuate it on the same day, 18 February 2011. The school now serves 170 students and 12 teachers. (iii) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided Idhna town and detained three children, claiming that they had been present in close proximity to the Wall. The Israeli army released all detained children at a later time.

	<p>(iv) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided Adh Dhahiriya town and patrolled the area until 01:35.</p> <p>(v) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided Huneina area in Dura town. While patrolling the area, Israeli troops fired tear gas grenades at civilian houses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: At 01:35 on 17 February 2011, the Israeli army arrested two children during its raid into Sa'ir town, as was reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Fakhri Jaradat, 15 years old; and (ii) Ma'moun Fahmi Jaradat, 17 years old. <p>At 02:10 on 17 February 2011, the Israeli army arrested two civilians (a father and son) during its raid into Beit 'Awwa town, as was reported yesterday:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Mahmoud 'Isa al Qahoush; and (iv) Mohammed Mahmoud al Qahoush. (v) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Sabah al Ja'bari in Hebron city. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destruction of Property: At 12:20, the Israeli army destroyed three water wells in the Yaqin area near the entrance to Bani Na'im town. • Attack on/Confiscation of Property: On 17 February 2011, the Israeli army prevented a number of farmers from accessing and tending their land in the Al Qalamun area west of Beit Ula town. The Israeli army also confiscated a vehicle belonging to 'Adel Mohammed al 'Ajjawi. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire continues to hold. • Violation of the Ceasefire: The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on civilian Palestinian territory in the Gaza district, injuring two workers.
<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.

GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing was partially open for transportation of 60 truckloads of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. • <u>Attack/Injuries:</u> In the morning of 17 February 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on a number of Palestinian workers east of Ash Shuja'iyah neighbourhood east of Gaza city, injuring two workers.
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"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 20 vehicles imported by the private sector, 20 truckloads of cement and iron designated to internationally funded projects were allowed access to the Gaza Strip. One truckload of flowers was also exported through the Crossing.