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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 February 2006 – 08:00 19 February 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	2	East of 'Abasan al Kabira, K. Yunis
Injury	1	—	1	In the city of Nablus
Attacks	4	1	5	Incl. 3 in raids & 1 from a mil. post
Raids	22	—	22	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 6 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	3	—	3	Over Nablus and Salfit
Arrests	15	—	15	Incl. 4 children & 1 security officer
Detentions	12	—	12	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolition	1	—	1	In Balata refugee camp, Nablus
Wall Construction	29	—	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
House Occupations	6	—	6	Incl. 5 houses in Nablus & Balata RC
Curfews	2	—	2	Over Rantis village & Balata RC
Closure of Checkpoints	2	—	2	Incl. 'Einav checkpoint, Tulkarem
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	20	—	20	Incl. entrance to Sinjil village
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. Rafah & Beit Hanun partially
Attacks on Religious Sites	2	—	2	Incl. 1 mosque surrounded, Hebron
School Disruption	2	—	2	Incl. 1 school converted into a post
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Demand that they not leave positions
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 unidentified mortar fired
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	Incl. 1 Israeli settler handed over
Demonstration	—	1	1	In Gaza in solidarity with prisoners
TOTAL	148	9	157	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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 was resumed 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 was resumed 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Curfew: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Rantis, fired sound grenades, and imposed curfew. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Mazari' an Nubani and searched 1 house.
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 continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Detention: At 15:30, Israeli troops positioned at Tayasir checkpoint detained 5 children and released them at 17:45.
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: At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. • Palestinian Security Measure: Palestinian security forces requested (through the DCO) that the Israeli authorities coordinate for the Palestinian Engineer Unit to defuse 1 flare left by the Israeli army in the city of Tulkarem. The flare was defused at 17:00.
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 was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:00 on 18 February 2006, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles until 09:00. (ii) At 07:00 on 18 February 2006, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 07:00 on 19 February 2006, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya until 12:15. (ii) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 20:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of ‘Azzun ‘Atma arrested ‘Imad Khalil Zar’i.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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 branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army closed Beit Furik checkpoint and denied civilian access in both directions, allegedly to examine a suspicious vehicle. The checkpoint was reopened at a later time. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Salim, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Air Patrol/School Disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:05, the Israeli army, approximately including 70 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, after demanding (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. Israeli army combat helicopters and reconnaissance aircrafts patrolled the skies over the area whilst the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire in the city of Nablus, injuring 1 civilian. Additionally, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in Balata refugee camp. The Israeli army imposed curfew over the refugee camp, closed its entrances with dirt barricades, thereby disrupting classes in the refugee camp’s schools, occupied 1 school, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also occupied 5 houses, including 1 building, in the city of Nablus, converted them into military posts after detaining residents, searched a number of other houses, and arrested 5 individuals, including 1 Palestinian Police officer. In addition, the Israeli army demolished 1 house, ostensibly to arrest wanted individuals who were inside. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Sabastiya, took position on the roof of the village’s mosque, and patrolled the area. • Arrests: At 11:45, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Jum’ah Abu Maryam; and (ii) ‘Isa Salem. (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the village of Salim arrested Salem Hilmi Yaseen. <p>The Israeli army arrested 5 individuals in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Mohammed Suleiman al Maghribi, a Palestinian Police officer; (v) Ahmed Rasmi al Qeisi; (vi) Ibrahim Omar al Jibreani; (vii) Ali Mohammed Abu at Toub; and (viii) Haytham Waleed al 'Affouri. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished 1 house in Balata refugee camp belonging to Husni Muwaffaq Hamameh.
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 was resumed 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the underpass road to the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the town of Bidhya and the village of Mas'ha and the other between the town of Bidhya and the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 18:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Yasuf and patrolled the area until 19:00. • Air Patrol: At 24:00, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Salfit until 02:00.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Checkpoints: <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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also continues to prevent civilians from crossing the checkpoint in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis. (iii) At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:40, 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, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja arrested 'Imad Hamad. (ii) On 16 February 2006, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Raed Faysal al Qadhi while he was travelling to Jordan.
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. 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 was resumed 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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Wadi al Hummus and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles, arrested 2 children, and withdrew at 10:50. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (iii) At 17:45, Israeli army infantry forces raided and patrolled the area of Beit Jala residential project. (iv) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp and arrested 2 children. (v) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and the village of Dar Salah. (vi) At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 children during its raid on the village of Dar Salah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Ali Salah, 16 years old; and (ii) Amjad Mohammed Salah, 17 years old. The Israeli army arrested 2 children during its raid on 'Ayda refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Abdul 'Azeez Hussein Abu Srour, 15 years old; and (iv) Mahmoud Fat'hi Radhi, 15 years old. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 11:35, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 Israeli settler called Valantch Nimothan, located in the yard of the Nativity Church in the city of Bethlehem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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'. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 35 leading to Tarqumiya Crossing on the Green Line, searched civilian vehicles, detained a number of students, and served them summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. • <u>Raids/Attack on Religious Site:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched a number of houses. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Hijra and searched a number of houses. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil and surrounded the town's mosque.
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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. The Israeli army allowed 3,491 workers and 214 merchants to cross the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<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>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 20:40, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 10:50, a mass demonstration took place in Gaza city and marched towards the Palestinian Legislative Council. Protestors demanded that political prisoners be released from Israeli prisons.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 173 on the Green Line towards and killed 2 civilians, claiming that they had approached the Green Line east of the village of 'Abasan al Kabira.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 civilians east of the village of ‘Abasan al Kabira: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bilal an Najjar; and (ii) An unidentified civilian.
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 Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> The Israeli authorities renewed 6,894 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> The Israeli authorities renewed 5,177 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, only 3,491 workers (approximately 68% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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