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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 February 2007 – 08:00 19 February 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	5	2	7	Incl. 2 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	27	1	28	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 6 in Nablus
Arrests	11	—	11	Incl. 2 security officers & a paediatrician
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	—	3	Incl. a water well destroyed in Ramallah
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A telecommunications device in Ramallah
Attack on Property	1	—	1	A notice delivered to evacuate a park
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Kafr 'Ein, Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 3 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	—	6	6	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Taking position near <i>Muqata'a</i> , Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. an explosive device thrown, Hebron
TOTAL	160	12	172	

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"> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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 at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Anan and searched civilians and vehicles.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al ‘Eizariya. • <u>Attack on Property:</u> The Israeli army delivered a notice for the evacuation of a park covering 9 dunums of land, belonging to Bir Nabala Local Council.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Confiscation/Destruction of Property/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 25 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, searched 2 houses, arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer, and confiscated a telecommunications device from him. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr ‘Ein, imposed curfew, searched a number of houses, and destroyed a water well (using explosives). The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (v) The Israeli army raided the town of ‘Abud, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:20, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara arrested an unidentified civilian. (ii) The Israeli army arrested ‘Issam Mahmoud Salameh, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Ramallah. <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian security officer in the town of Beituniya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Mahmoud Roubin, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (iv) Bilal Dawoud Raddahah.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Meithalun and the other on the junction to the village of Al Jarba, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the villages of Al Jadida and Al Jarba. While patrolling the village of Al Jarba, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. The Israeli army also opened fire, while patrolling the refugee camp. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir arrested Sameer 'Aref al Akhras.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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). Israeli troops positioned at these checkpoints also denied access to civilians under 30 years of age. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Far'un and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr Thulth. (ii) At 19:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Far'un, opened fire, and fired sound grenades, while patrolling the area. (iii) At 01:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Tulkarem, searched 3 houses, detained 1 civilian, and released him at a later time.

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 13:30.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol 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. (v) Israeli troops positioned at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus denied access to civilian residents of the districts of Tulkarem and Jenin who are under 30 years of age. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jamma’in, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 09:15. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Till. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and ‘Askar refugee camps, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. (iii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, searched 2 houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:30. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus and the refugee camps of Balata and ‘Askar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed ‘Azmi al Wawi, 17 years old; and (ii) Jamal Shihadeh Bakr. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Muntasser Amin Seif in the village of Burqa. (iv) The Israeli army arrested Iyad Fawzi adh Dhmeidi in the town of Huwwara.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • Checkpoints: <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. • 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Iskaka, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Checkpoint/Destruction of Property: At 15:55, the Israeli army closed As Sawahira ash Sharqiya ("the Container") checkpoint, claiming to be investigating a vehicle. After destroying the vehicle (using explosives), the Israeli army reopened the checkpoint. • 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 14:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 1 child. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Khaled Yousef al 'Umari in the town of Al Khadr.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (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

	<p>the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, took position near <i>Al Muqata'a</i> (the complex of Palestinian security forces), and patrolled the area. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched 1 house, and arrested a paediatrician. (ii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and searched a number of houses. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Hatem Mahmoud Shihadeh, a paediatrician, in the city of Hebron. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 21:00, an armed Palestinian individual threw a handmade explosive device at the Israeli army in the old city of Hebron.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">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 army carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory. In addition, Israeli troops positioned at locations on the Green Line opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 2 occasions. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 7 mortars, including an anti-tank mortar, towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. From 11:00 until 11:30, the Israeli army closed the Crossing, denying civilian access. • <u>Raid:</u> At 16:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory near Points 19 and 20 on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun. The Israeli army also combed the area until 17:55. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 11:15, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> At 07:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 anti-tank mortar towards an Israeli army jeep near Point 129 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp. Consequently, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory. These two incidents are in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.

KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 07:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 152 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 12:50, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
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 closed. (iii) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.

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POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Relocation of Political Prisoners:</u> The Israeli Prisons Service relocated a number of political prisoners from Hadarim Prison to other Israeli prisons in various areas.
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