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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 February 2011 – 08:00 19 February 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	5	—	5	Incl. a child in Ramallah
Attacks	10	2	12	Incl. 1 in a raid and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	22	1	23	Incl. 1 in Jerusalem and 5 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance over Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	14	—	14	Incl. 4 children
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. a child and 5 int'l peace activists
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Attacks on Property	1*	—	1	Incl. notice to evacuate land in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	24	—	24	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 6 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	50	—	50	Incl. 7 in Bethlehem and 17 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. Rafah Crossing open
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. a house raided & civilian beaten
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	Explosive device detonated near patrol
Demonstrations	5	—	5	Against settlement activity & the Wall
TOTAL	181	9	190	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 18 February 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up many flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians from other districts to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) 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. (iii) 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 02:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ar Ram town. • Demonstration/Raid/Injuries: At 12:30, civilians performed Friday prayers in the sit-in tent erected in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against the eviction of civilian homes for construction of Israeli settlement projects. After the prayers, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors. In the evening of the reported day, the Israeli army raided the neighbourhood. Confrontations took place once again between Israeli troops civilians, during which a number of civilians, including a 3-month infant, were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. Israeli troops also arrested a child. • Arrest: Israeli troops arrested Muhannad al Qawasmi, 17 years old, in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. • 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 and 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 at the entrance to An Nabi Salih village, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access to or from the village. The Israeli army also forced 50 passengers to step down from a bus. Guarded by soldiers, all passengers were forced into the village on foot. (ii) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bir Zeit town. (ii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided Beit Sira village, searched a house, and served a summons on Samed Abdul Razeq al Hajj to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured five participants. Of these, Hamzeh Suleiman Yaseen, a child, sustained a live bullet wound. In addition, a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 12:50, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of Halamish settlement. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of civilians were wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also arrested two civilians and detained five international peace activists. (iii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested two civilians in Nabi Salih village: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Khadher Amlah; and (ii) Hamzeh Abu Qare'.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
JENIN	<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. • Arrests: At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near Mevo Dotan settlement south of Ya’bad town arrested two children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Omar Abu Salah, 15 years old; and (ii) Bilal Rafiq Tawfiq Qabaha, 14 years old. • 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.
TUBAS	<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 its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. • Raid: At 15:30, the Israeli army raided Bardala village, searched a house, and arrested a civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Shalash Hamed Rizq Abu az Zeit in Bardala village.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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 the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at ‘Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raid/Attack: At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in Tulkarem city and fired flares while it was patrolling the area. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, and again at 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to ‘Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:55, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint, detained two civilians, and released them at a later time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Bashir Saber Diriyeh; and (ii) Mohammed Mahmoud Ahmed Shuheibat.

	<p>(iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles near Jinsafut village on the Wadi Qana road connecting Qalqiliya and Salfit districts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled ‘Azzun town. (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the area near the Wall south of Qalqiliya city and arrested three civilians, including a child. (iii) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jit village. (iv) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided Kafr Laqif village, detained a civilian while he was driving a hydraulic excavator, and released him at a later time. (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Qaddum village. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested three civilians near the Wall south of Qalqiliya city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ala’ Abu Sneinah, 17 years old; (ii) Dhiya’ Silmi; and (iii) Mohammed Naseem Ahmed al ‘Ajez. • <u>Attack on Property:</u> At 14:20, the Israeli army prevented Nitham Ali ‘Ubeid from accessing his land south of Kafr Qaddum village. • <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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main and searched civilians. (ii) At 15:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main. At 04:20, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 05:00. (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 16:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Yatma village and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:15. (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qabalan town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:10, the Israeli army raided Burqa village and patrolled the area until 15:00. (ii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided Talfit village and patrolled the area until 22:00. (iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided the area between Nablus city and Til village and patrolled it until 23:00. (iv) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided Beit Furik town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the town. (v) At 00:05, the Israeli army raided the eastern quarters of Nablus city and patrolled these areas until 00:20. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 17:15, the Israeli army arrested three civilians near the At Tur Mount checkpoint in Nablus city: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Mazen al Masri; (ii) Mu'taz Omar Jamous; and (iii) 'Anan Mazem Mohammed Math'har. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 11:15, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to civilian farmland in Osarin village and withdrew at a later time.
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 the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik towns and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 17:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kifl Haris town. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: <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. • Flying Checkpoints: At 09:15, and again at 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided Marj Na'ja village and patrolled the area until 23:30.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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. • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Raid: At 19:40, the Israeli army raided Harmala village. While searching a house, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 20:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: At 18:45, the Israeli army arrested two civilians while they were collecting firewood near Battir village: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Hani Hasan Qattoush; and (ii) Majdi Muwaffaq Mohammed Qattoush. • Detentions: At 16:30, the Israeli army detained two staff members of the Palestinian Electricity Company while they were maintaining the electricity network northwest of Beit Jala city. The Israeli army released both workers after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • Demonstration/Attack: At 12:35, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops fired sound and tear gas grenades on protestors and prevented them from accessing civilian land under the threat of confiscation for construction of the Wall. A number of participants sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • 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) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades detour roads in Al 'Arqan area along the Adh Dhahiriya-As Samoa' main road, as well as detour roads near Beit 'Amra and Wadi ash Shajina villages. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:15, and again at 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Yatta and As Samoa' towns and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bani Na'im town and searched civilians and vehicles. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 21:40, Israeli troops opened indiscriminate fire on a number of workers in the vicinity of Idhna town. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:15, and again at 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city. (ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kurza village. (iii) At 22:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bani Na'im town. • Detention: At 15:00, Israeli troops detained 9-year-old Mahmoud Ahmed Abdul Hamid 'Alameh near the entrance to Beit Ummar town, ostensibly because he had thrown stones at the Israeli army. After the child had been detained, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 18:55, Israeli troops released the child after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • Attack on Property: On 18 February 2011, the Israeli army delivered a notice for the evacuation of civilian land measuring approximately 20 <i>dunums</i> near the Wall in Kharas town. The land belongs to Khalil Abdul Ghani al Huroub. • Settler Violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, a group of Israeli settlers raided a house belonging to Al Fakhouri family in As Sahleh area in the old city of Hebron. Based on a request by the Palestinian DCO, Israeli troops evacuated settlers from the house. (ii) At 19:45, a group of Israeli settlers attacked three civilian houses in As Sahleh area in the old city of Hebron and severely beat Nader Mohammed Na'im ar Rajabi, leaving him with contusions. Israeli settlers also obstructed access to a Palestinian ambulance to transport Ar Rajabi to hospital. (iii) At 22:05, a group of Israeli settlers from Karmel settlement threw stones at civilian houses in Um al Kheir village east of Yatta town. Upon a request by the Palestinian DCO, Israeli troops evacuated settlers from the area. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in the Central Gaza district. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> 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> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack/Raid/Air Patrol:</u> In the morning of 18 February 2011, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army patrol, while it was travelling near Kessufim Gate on the Border Fence. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on Palestinian territory northeast of Al Qarara town. Additionally, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided the area. While combing that area, the Israeli army opened fire on agricultural land.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow access to 256 civilians stranded on the Egyptian border as well as to Palestinian patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. (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.