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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 February 2005 – 08:00 20 February 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	Civilian, of injuries sustained earlier
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. 1 child severely beaten
Attacks	3	4	7	Incl. 1 during a raid & 4 from posts
Raids	10	—	10	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 4 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	Incl. 1 mentally challenged civilian
Detentions	5	—	5	Incl. in residential compounds
Wall Construction	18	—	18	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 taxi confiscated in Ramallah
House Occupation	1	—	1	In the old city of Hebron
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 3 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(8)	—	Incl. 1 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. 3 partially open
Medical Obstruction	2	—	2	2 medical teams denied access
School Disruption	1	—	1	Students and teachers delayed
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Civilians and property assaulted
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Open fire towards 1 Pal. location
Pal. Security Measures	—	2	2	Incl. halting 2 armed individuals
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Kafr Qaddum
TOTAL	65	11	76	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat.
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, and in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samuel checkpoints, obstructing civilian movement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction was resumed in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 11:00. The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Deir Abu Mash'al and 'Abud, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. Raids/Confiscation of Property: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint along Al Ersal (Radio) Street and confiscated 1 taxi after severely beating and injuring its driver, who was later admitted to hospital. At 22:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Ein 'Arik, searched 2 houses, and withdrew at 24:00.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kufeirit east of the town of Ya'bad, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 11:00. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of 'Arraba, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 11:30.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the gate at the entrance to the village of Kafr Qaddum and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village, except at specific times. • Wall Gates/School Disruption/Medical Obstruction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Wall gate to the village of 'Azzun 'Atma, delaying students and teachers from reaching their school on time. Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate also prevented 1 medical team from the Palestinian Medical Relief Committees from entering the village to participate in a 1-day workshop assigned for the village's residents, as well as a team from the Palestinian Red Crescent Society to deliver lectures on psychological support for pupils in the village's Basic School. • Raid: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus and arrested 1 mentally challenged civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Amjad Abdullah Ahmed Saleem in the town of Jayyus. • Demonstration: At 11:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Kafr Qaddum in protest against the Israeli army's closure of the village's gate.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwwara and Za'tara junction checkpoints, detaining dozens of civilian vehicles at the 2 checkpoints, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • Physical Assault: Israeli troops positioned near the village of Till severely beat a number of teachers, after detaining them for several hours. • Killing: At 20:00, Ja'far Mohammed 'Abed 'Abboud died of injuries

	sustained during the month of November 2004 in the city of Nablus.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Deir Ballut along the Green Line. (ii) Based on a claim filed by the Municipality of Salfit, Iskaka Village Council, and civilian landowners, the Israeli Supreme Court issued a decision ruling for the suspension of Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka and north of city of Salfit for a period of 21 days beginning on 10 February 2005. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</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 Iskaka, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the dirt barricade erected at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • <u>Raid:</u> At 14:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit and the villages of Qarawat Bani Zeid and Farkha. At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit, set up a checkpoint between the city and the village of Khirbet Qeis, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 20:00. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Yasuf arrested Mahmoud Abdul Rahim Mahmoud, a Palestinian National Security officer.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army only permitted residents of the city of Jericho to enter the city. • <u>Arrest/Physical Assault:</u> At 09:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up south of the city of Jericho arrested Bahjat Mohammed Habaybeh and led him to the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim after severely beating him. The Israeli army notified Habaybeh's family to pay a fine of NIS 1,000 in exchange for his release.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall was resumed north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. • <u>Raids/Physical Assault:</u>

	<p>(i) At 14:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 17:10, the Israeli army raided the town and confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians again. The Israeli army also severely beat 1 child, leaving him with bruises. At 22:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area.</p>
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. • Wall Construction: <p>(i) Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed west of the towns Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj.</p> <p>(ii) Following civilian landowners' protest, Israeli authorities issued a decision ruling for the modification of the Wall route in the sections west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula. The Wall route was moved to the areas parallel to the Green Line.</p> • House Occupation: The Israeli army occupied 1 house in the neighbourhood of Wadi An Nasara in the old city of Hebron and converted it into a military post, after detaining its residents in 1 room. • Settler Violence: Groups of extremist Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat 'Arba' and the settlement outposts in the old city of Hebron held rallies, during which they threw stones at civilians and civilian property, injuring 8 civilians. Israeli settlers also prevented a number of civilians from accessing their homes.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(i) Nitsareem junction remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.</p> • Palestinian Security Measures: <p>(i) At 08:00, a Palestinian security force halted 2 armed Palestinian individuals 200 meters away from Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing east of Gaza city.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:00, a Palestinian security force discovered 2 explosive devices neat Point 83 on the Green Line south of Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing and defused them.</p>

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 19:00, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location in the area surrounding the settlement of Katif towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the area of Al Barakah southwest of the city of Deir Al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al ‘Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis’ eastern and western roads, is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 181 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Khuza’a. (ii) At 11:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 11 towards civilian houses in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open to arrivals and departures over the age of 35 only. (iii) Sufa Crossing is open to construction cargo only. • <u>Attack:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location at Point 6 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards Palestinian territory in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Hunger Strike:</u> Political prisoners in Etzion Detention Centre declared a hunger strike in protest against their detention for extended periods of time (exceeding 50 days), bad treatment, intentional neglect of ill prisoners, and poor food quality. The Israeli detention centre administration also prevents prisoner from going to lavatories for an extended period of time.
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