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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 February 2006 – 08:00 20 February 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	3	—	3	Incl. 1 child in Balata RC
Injuries	24	—	24	Incl. 13 children in Nablus district
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 2 in raids & 4 from mil. posts
Raids	27	—	27	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 6 in Bethlehem
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Nablus
Arrests	25	—	25	Incl. 1 female civilian & 2 of her sons
Detentions	11	—	11	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	1	—	1	3 <i>dunums</i> of land in Wadi Fukin
Wall Construction	29	—	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Olive trees uprooted in Bethlehem
House Occupations	4	—	4	Incl. a number of houses in Balata RC
Curfew	1	—	1	Over Balata refugee camp, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	2	—	2	Incl. 'Einav checkpoint, Tulkarem
Flying Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. 2 in Jericho & 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	21	—	21	Incl. the Jenin-Nablus road
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. Rafah & Beit Hanun partially
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Ambulances denied access, Nablus
School Disruption	3	—	3	Incl. 2 schools converted into posts
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. 1 Customs Police patrol detained
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 unidentified mortar fired
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 truck & 1 motorcycle handed over
TOTAL	177	10	187	

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 continues 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. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the village of 'Anata, searched 1 house, and arrested 3 civilians (2 brothers and their mother). • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of 'Anata: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fatima Mahmoud Salameh, a female civilian; (ii) Mohammed Mahmoud Salameh; and (iii) Amjad Mahmoud Salameh.
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 continues 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the area of Tallet at Tout in the vicinity of the village of Kafr 'Ein and withdrew at 14:30. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. (iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 17:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal truck and 1 motorcycle, seized in the city of Ramallah, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to town of ‘Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Rummana, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 12:30. (ii) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until 23:00. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 03:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp until 04:00. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint arrested 15-year-old Mahmoud Ahmed al Qadi, claiming that he was in possession of a knife. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Qabatiya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) ‘Issam Mahmoud Nazzal; (iii) Ahmed Omar Abu ar Rub; and (iv) Fu’ad Nassri Kmeil.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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. • Flying Checkpoint/Detention: At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qaffin, searched civilians and vehicles, detained 1 civilian, and released him at a later time. • Raids/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Illar and arrested 2 civilians. The Israeli army also detained another civilian and released him at a later time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of ‘Illar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Nafez Kharouf; and (ii) Muthanna Mohammed Qasem.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<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 continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 17:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</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 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. (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the road connecting the village of Kafr Qalil to the area of Ad Dahiyat in the city of Nablus. • Checkpoints: 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. • Raids/Air Patrol/Curfew/School Disruption/Medical Obstruction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 00:05 on 19 February 2006, the Israeli army has remained positioned in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp have whilst Israeli army reconnaissance aircrafts have patrolled the skies over the area. The Israeli army also continues to impose curfew over Balata refugee camp, thereby disrupting classes in schools for the 2nd consecutive day. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army killed 2 civilians, including 1 child, and injured 24 others, including 13 children. Additionally, the Israeli army denied access to ambulances to transport the injured civilians, arrested 8 civilians, including an injured civilian, occupied a number of houses in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also converted 1 school into a military post. In addition, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals in the old city of Nablus, during which the Israeli army killed 1 civilian. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

	<p>(ii) At 02:05, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided 'Askar refugee camp, occupied the Industrial School, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Killings: The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Ahmed ash Sheikh Ali, 16 years old; and (ii) Mohammed Ahmed an Natour. (iii) The Israeli army killed Ahmed Mohammed Abu Sharkh in the old city of Nablus. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians in Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Shihadeh, an injured civilian; (ii) Ibrahim Abu Thra'; (iii) Wael al Mashni; (iv) Ahmed Husni; (v) Qasem az Zeer; (vi) Iyad al Mseimi; (vii) Ihmeidah Marshoud; and (viii) Mohammed 'Awadh.
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 continues 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:50, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the village of Haris, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 12:30. (ii) At 20:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Istiya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 21:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Fadi Yaseen Shamlawi in the village of Haris.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify 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 to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:25, 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 and searched civilians and vehicles travelling in both directions. (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrests: At 20:15, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Dawoud Burghol; and (ii) Mohammed Tayseer Barahmeh.
<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. 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. • 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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. • Raids/Land Levelling/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps and 1 bulldozer, raided the area of Ash Shi'b ar Rafi' in the village of Wadi Fukin, levelled 3 <i>dunums</i> (0.75 acres) of land cultivated with olive trees, and withdrew at a later time. (ii) At 11:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the village of Al 'Asakira and searched 1 house.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) At 22:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Abu Nujeim and searched the village's cemetery. (v) At 00:50, the Israeli army, including 14 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and Al 'Aza refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian in the camp. At 02:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Malek Harb al 'Azzah in Al 'Aza refugee camp.
<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 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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'. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and detained 1 patrol belonging to the Palestinian Customs Police in the area of Bir al Mahjar. At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and raided 1

	<p>sports club in the area of Bab az Zawiya. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 1 child. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <p>(iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir and searched 1 house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <p>(i) On 18 February 2006, the Israeli army arrested Anas Abdul Maleh al Hor in the town of Surif.</p> <p>(ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified children in the old city of Hebron.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Abdul Jawwad 'Aqel, 14 years old, in the town of Beit Ummar.</p>
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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.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, and humanitarian cases. • Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <p>(i) At 10:15, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 23 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of the town of Beit Hanun.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 64 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya.</p> <p>(iii) At 22:10, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.</p>
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.

<p>KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 12:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 176 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the village of ‘Abasan al Kabira. • <u>Killing:</u> With reference to the 2 civilians killed by the Israeli army yesterday, the unidentified killed civilian was identified as Usamah Fawzi Breiss. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 22:35, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<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.