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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 February 2009 – 08:00 20 February 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	1	2	3	Incl. an elderly civilian bitten by a dog
Air Attacks	—	3	3	Missiles fired by F16 aircraft, Rafah
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 5 in raids and 3 from military posts
Raids	30	1	31	Incl. 5 in Tulkarem and 4 in Qalqiliya
Air Patrols	—	3	3	Incl. by combat helicopters and UAVs
Arrests	11	1	12	Incl. a civilian along with his son, Jericho
Detentions	17	—	17	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	24	—	24	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	3	4	Incl. a taxi damaged in Tubas
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Haris in Salfit
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 2 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarem & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	54	—	54	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 5 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	2 crossings partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Olive seedlings uprooted in Bethlehem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A Palestinian checkpoint surrounded
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	14 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	178	26	204	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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 impede civilian access to the mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with barbed wire and cement blocks the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem, after levelling the area, and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (iii) Beginning on 16 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) On 19 February 2009, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • Raid/Attack: At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arura and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<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 the settlement of Dotan. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zububa and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ti'innik. (ii) At 07:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bir al Basha. (iii) At 08:00, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of Qabatiya and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Husni Mohammed Zakarneh in the town of Qabatiya. • Detention: At 22:00, Israeli troops positioned at Salem checkpoint detained Bara' Wael Haydariyyeh, a 16-year-old child from the village of Ar Rama, claiming that he had attempted to stab a soldier. Israeli troops released Haydariyyeh at a later time. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Attack/Destruction of Property/Injury:</u> At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun and opened fire towards as well as damaged a taxi. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 2 civilians. Additionally, a Police dog that was in company with Israeli troops bit an elderly civilian, leaving him with injuries. At 04:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Tammun: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Mustafa Ahmed Bani 'Odeh; and (ii) Nael 'Odeh Ahmed Bani 'Odeh.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road and at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Jarushiya. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Illar. (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of 'Anabta and Beit Lid. (iv) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Habla and Ras 'Atiya as well as searched a carpenter's workshop and stone processing factory. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Hajja. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya arrested Hasan Ju'eifar Shreim. (ii) On 19 February 2009, the Israeli army harrested Ihab Abdullah Ibdah, a resident of the village of Marda, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence office in the Kedumim military camp. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Mohammed 'Adel 'Inayeh; (iv) Mohammed as Sarrawi; and (v) Ali Barham. • <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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif. (ii) Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus.
NABLUS	<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 with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00. • <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) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. (iii) Beginning on 14 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed Palestinians holding Israeli-issued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through all checkpoints around the city. To

	<p>prevent traffic jams, the Israeli army allows vehicles to leave the city through Beit Furik and Beit Iba checkpoints. In addition, the Israeli army has allowed free access to all physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus.</p> <p>(iv) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all civilian residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya.</p> <p>(ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 05:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qalil.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.</p> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:40. • <u>Raids/Curfew/Detention:</u> <p>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Haris. At 18:25, the Israeli army raided the village again. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also imposed curfew, allegedly because stones had been thrown at Israeli settler vehicles travelling along the main road adjacent to the village. At 22:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Iskaka and Yasuf, patrolled these areas, detained 1 civilian, and released him at 17:40.</p>
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid/Attack:</u> At 19:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil. While patrolled the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired flares. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 10:00, Israeli troops positioned on the Al Hamra junction checkpoint arrested 2 civilians (father and son), ostensibly for locating a pistol and 10 bullets in possession of the son: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sha'ban Mustafa Sha'ban; and his son (ii) Mohammed, 14 years old.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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 # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Battir. (ii) At 18:05, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 21:45. (iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan, set up a checkpoint in the village's centre, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iv) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, surrounded a Palestinian National Security checkpoint, and severed contact between Palestinian officers positioned at the checkpoint and their relevant headquarters. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers uprooted olive seedlings that had been cultivated several days ago in the vicinity of the village of Al Jab'a.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
<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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for 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 with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash 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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60. (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00. (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the towns of Tarqumiya and Idhna and searched civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bani Na'im. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ali Ahmed Qoqas Khalil in the town of Beit Ummar. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
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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. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilians and property. Israeli combat aircraft also fired missiles towards Palestinian territory. As a result, 1 civilian and 1 armed Palestinian individual were injured. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 14 mortars towards the Green Line. Of these, a number of mortars landed on Palestinian territory.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning of 19 February 2009, 1 mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) In the evening of 19 February 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<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 was partially open for transportation of limited quantities of fuel. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening of 19 February 2009, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> In the morning of 20 February 2009, 10 mortars were fired towards the Green Line. Of these, a number of mortars landed on Palestinian territory. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards armed Palestinian individuals in the area surrounding Kissufim gate northeast of the town of Al Qarara.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack/Destruction of Property:</u> In the morning of 20 February 2009, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards civilian houses in the town of Al Qarara, damaging a number of houses. • <u>Raid/Air Patrol:</u> In the evening of 19 February 2009, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by combat helicopters and UAVs, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Al Qarara. An armed confrontation also took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>Air Attack/Injury:</u> At 12:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles in 3 consecutive air raids towards smuggling tunnels in the area of Ash Shu'uth in the city of Rafah near the Egyptian border, injuring 'Adel Zu'rob. • <u>Attack/Injury:</u> In the morning of 20 February 2009, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards and injured an armed Palestinian individual in the area surrounding Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) crossing, claiming that he had attempted to plant an explosive device. The Israeli army also arrested the Palestinian individual. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested an unidentified armed Palestinian individual in the area surrounding Kar Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) crossing.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prisoner's Deteriorated Health Condition:</u> The Palestinian Prisoners' Club announced that the Israeli authorities had refused to allow Bashir Hashash, a political prisoner held in the Ohli Kedar Prison, to have a surgical operation on the heart. Hashash suffers from an arterial embolism and is in an urgent need for a surgical operation. • <u>Extensions of Administrative Detention:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The 'Asqalan Israeli Prison Administration prevented 5 political prisoners from meeting with a lawyer appointed by the Palestinian Prisoners' Club. The military court at the prison also extended for
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	<p>various periods the administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 7 political prisoners from the districts of Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Hebron.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre extended for various periods the administrative detention against 8 political prisoners from the districts of Ramallah and Hebron.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli military court at Al Jalama Detention Camp extended for various periods the administrative detention against 26 political prisoners from the districts of Ramallah, Jenin, Qalqiliya, Nablus, Bethlehem, and Hebron.</p>
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