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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 February 2010 – 08:00 20 February 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	6	—	6	Civilians beaten in the Hebron district
Injuries	—	3	3	3 civilians injured in Khan Yunis
Air Attack	—	1	1	Missiles fired by helicopters, K. Yunis
Attacks	3	1	4	3 during confrontations and 1 by a post
Raids	31	—	31	Incl. 8 in Tulkarem and 5 in Qalqiliya
Arrests (per person)	16	—	16	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 6 in Hebron
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. 2 Palestinian security officers
Wall Construction	22	—	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A tractor in Kafr Dan town, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 6 in Jenin and 3 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya villages
Closure of Main Roads	40	—	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	2 crossing open partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	An evacuated post raided in Bethlehem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Taking position near a Police station
Demonstrations	4	—	4	Against the Wall & settlement activity
TOTAL	169	10	179	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 19 February 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (i) 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). (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • 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. • 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. • Raid: Under protection of Israeli troops, staff members of the Jerusalem Municipality raided offices of a charitable society in the city of Jerusalem and attempted seize its properties, ostensibly for not paying taxes. • Demonstration: A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlers' seizure of civilian houses. Protestors demanded that seized houses be returned to their Palestinian owners. • Wall Gates: <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 entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • Raids: At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of 'Arura, Beit Rima, and Deir Ghassana. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:15, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades, injuring a number of protestors. (ii) At 13:10, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of An Nabi Salih against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army opened fire and fired tear gas grenades, injuring a Swedish peace activist. Several participants also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. (ii) On 11 February 2010, the Israeli army adjusted the Wall route in the village of Bil'in.
<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 Checkpoints/Confiscation of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the main road connecting the towns of Al Yamun and Kafr Dan, searched civilians and vehicles, and confiscated a tractor belonging to a resident of the town of Kafr Dan. (ii) At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the evacuated settlement of Homesh, searched civilians and vehicles, and issued traffic violation tickets to a number of drivers. (iii) At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Al Baranis between the towns of Al Yamun and Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the village of Al Jarba and the town of Qabatiya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(v) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the village of Misliya to the town of Qabatiya and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(vi) At 01:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the villages of At Tayba and Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <p>(i) In the morning of 19 February 2010, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Anin, arrested 2 civilians, and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Meithalun.</p> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of ‘Anin: <p>(i) Mu’taz Fayez Yousef; and</p> <p>(ii) Yousef Sha’ban Yaseen.</p> • 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 town of Tubas. • Raid: At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Bardala and raided a house belonging to Tawfiq Abdul Ra’ouf Sawaftah.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at ‘Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raids: <p>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem and Nur Shams refugee camp.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Anabta and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 17:10, the Israeli army raided the towns of Qaffin and Zeita. At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita.</p> <p>(iv) At 23:20, and again at 05:30, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Attil.</p> • 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: <p>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jayyus, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqilya and searched civilians and vehicles.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya. At 16:35, the Israeli army raided the western quarters of the city again and arrested 3 civilians (brothers). At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the city for third time and patrolled the area. (ii) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of ‘Azzun. (iii) At 03:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus. • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Jayyus arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ‘Imad Yasser Khreishah; and (ii) Mu’taz Wafiq Saleem. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the western quarter of the city of Qalqiliya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) ‘Anan Abdul Latif Ju’eidi; (iv) Ala’ Abdul Latif Ju’eidi; and (v) Omar Abdul Latif Ju’eidi. • Wall Gate: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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 southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin. • Checkpoints: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 00:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Burqa.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the village of Haris and the town of Kifl Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road connecting the towns of Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 01:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik. • 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 Ariel.
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. At 10:00, the Israeli army installed an iron gate on the road. • Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians from the town of Silwad in the district of Ramallah.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the Dead Sea arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Ahmed Hajj Saleh; and (ii) Wasim Jamal Zein ad Din.
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 # 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. (ii) Beginning at 15:30 on 11 February 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a. • Checkpoint: At 14:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint, impeded civilian access, and detained 2 Palestinian security officers, who held Gaza-issued ID cards. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Husan, arrested 1 child, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and took position in front of the town's Palestinian Police station. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Mohammed az Zaghloul, 17 years old, in the town of Husan. • Settler Violence: At 08:00, Israeli settlers protected by Israeli troops raided the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab. • 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 Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.
HEBRON	<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, controlling civilian access in the area.

- (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta,
- (iii) Beginning on 11 February 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close with metal plates the entrance to the Al Laban Market in the old city of Hebron.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; 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 the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
 - (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 with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:** At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - **Raids/Physical Assaults:**
 - (i) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ash Shalala Street in the city of Hebron.
 - (ii) At 17:15, the Israeli army raided At Takrouri neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron, raided a house belonging to Abdul Fattah Abu Tabanjeh, and beat a number of his family members.
 - (iii) In the morning of 19 February 2010, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 2 civilians.
 - (iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 2 civilians (brothers).
 - (v) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian.
 - (vi) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled the area near the Palestinian Traffic Department.
 - **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Yatta:
 - (i) Hasan Shreiteh; and
 - (ii) Shadi Yousef Shreiteh.
 The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Dura:
 - (iii) Ahmed Yaseen Najeeb; and
 - (iv) Khalil Yaseen Najeeb.
 - (v) The Israeli army arrested Yousef Hasan Khalil in Al Fawwar refugee camp.
 At 13:00, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from the village of Khirbet al Hadab in the town of Dura near Al Majnuna Military Camp south of the town of Dura:
 - (vi) Ahmed Ibrahim Najeeb; and

	<p>(vii) Yaseen Khalil Najeeb.</p> <p>(viii) During its raid into the town of Beit Ummar, the Israeli army arrested Amir Mohammed Mahmoud ‘Ayaydeh, in addition to those reported yesterday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults/Attack:</u> A mass demonstration took place in the town of Beit Ummar in protest against settlement activity. Israeli troops and settlers prevented civilians from accessing the area of Khallet al Kutla and beat protestors, leaving several civilians with contusions. Israeli troops also fired tear gas grenades, injuring a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of ‘Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.
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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>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army fired missiles on Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara in the district of Khan Yunis.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Attack/Attack/Injuries:</u> Israeli combat helicopters fired missiles and opened machinegun fire towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara in the district of Khan Yunis. The Israeli army also fired 10 artillery shells towards the area, injuring 3 civilians, who were transported to hospital for medical treatment.

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 (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to civilians stranded on the Egyptian border and ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals.(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.
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