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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 February 2006 – 08:00 21 February 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian severely beaten, Hebron
Injuries	10	1	11	Incl. 5 children & 1 civilian critically
Attacks	10	2	12	Incl. 4 in raids & 2 from mil. posts
Raids	27	—	27	Incl. 10 in Bethlehem & 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Over Nablus and Northern Gaza
Arrests	35	—	35	Incl. 5 children & 3 brothers
Detentions	8	—	8	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	29	—	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	3	—	3	Incl. doors of 1 house destroyed, Sa'ir
Attack on Property	1	—	1	The complex of courts raided, Nablus
House Occupations	2	—	2	In Balata refugee camp & Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	3	—	3	Incl. 'Einav & Beit Iba checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 2 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	23	—	23	Incl. western entrance to Kafr ad Dik
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. Rafah & Beit Hanun partially
Construction of Mil. Post	1	—	1	A surveillance point & tent erected
School Disruption	2	—	2	Incl. 1 school raided in Al Khadr
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	2	Incl. Police officers detained, Nablus
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. open fire towards 1 Israeli patrol
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	9 illegal vehicles handed over
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Beit Liqya against the Wall
TOTAL	179	10	189	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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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 town of Al 'Eizariya, raided a number of commercial shops, and served summons to their owners to report to the Israeli Income Tax Authority.
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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Abud, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 03:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Sami Fu'ad 'Arar in the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. • Demonstration: At 17:20, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Beit Liqya in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian protestor.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Construction of Military Post:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army constructed a surveillance point and erected 1 tent north of the village of Kafr 'Ein on the road connecting the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin. An armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr Ra'i and arrested 4 civilians, including 1 child. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Kafr Ra'i: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdallah Husam Milhem, 17 years old; (ii) Mohammed Kheiri Milhem; (iii) Tareq Zaki Milhem; and (iv) Nidhal Wajeih Taba'ouni. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 17:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli army patrol travelling along the Jenin-Nablus main road near the village of 'Anza. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire. The Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, also raided and patrolled the village of 'Anza.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and arrested 2 civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Tulkarem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Ameed Mohammed Abu Zeineh; and (ii) Munther Mansour 'Ashour.
QALQILIYA	<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 Checkpoint: At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Palestinian Security Measure: Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint west of the city of Nablus and denied civilian access. At 12:45, the checkpoint was reopened. • Raids/House Occupations/Attack on Property/School Disruption: <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 and continued to occupy a number of houses in the city and refugee camp, which it has converted into military posts. The Israeli army also searched several other houses. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in Balata refugee camp, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians, including 2 children and Mohammed Subhi Hamadeh who sustained critical bullet wounds. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians. An Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft fell on and damaged a house in Balata refugee camp. In addition, the Israeli army raided the complex of courts in the city of Nablus, detained Palestinian Police officers guarding the complex in 1 room, and broke the glass of the guard room. The Israeli army has remained positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning.

	<p>(ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Till, opened fire, and fired sound grenades in the area surrounding the village's Secondary Girls School, setting panic amongst female students.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: <p>(i) On 19 February 2006, the Israeli army arrested 'Awadh Mohammed Hashash in Balata refugee camp, in addition to those reported yesterday.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:20, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint around the city of Nablus arrested Baha' Jameel Abdul 'Aal, a Palestinian National Security officer. After inquiry (through the DCO), the Israeli army announced that Abdul 'Aal has been arrested in Huwwara Detention and Interrogation Centre.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp:</p> <p>(iii) Hamzeh Haseeba; and</p> <p>(iv) Mohammed as Saqqa.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(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).</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda with dirt barricades.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements.</p> <p>(iv) At 10:30, the Israeli army closed the unpaved detour road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris with dirt barricades.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:30.
JERICHO	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <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. (iii) At 06:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raids/School Disruption:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 20 February 2006, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin and arrested 4 civilians, including 2 children. (ii) At 10:35, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and raided the town's school. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and arrested 1 child. (iv) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (v) At 14:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp. (vi) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child. (vii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp and arrested 4 civilians. (viii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and arrested 6 civilians. (ix) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Ayda refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:50 on 20 February 2006, the Israeli army arrested 'Uday Abdul Raheem Hammash, 17 years old, during its raid on the city of Bethlehem.

	<p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Nahhalin:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mohammed Lutfi Najajreh, 17 years old; (iii) Bayan Fadhl Najajreh, 16 years old; (iv) Abdul Salam Ali Shakarneh; and (v) Ibrahim Abdul Hafeth Shakarneh. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Rasha Abu 'Amrah, 17 years old, in the town of Al Khadr. (vii) The Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified civilians in Ad Duheisha refugee camp. (viii) The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Husan, including Mohammed Basem Hamamreh. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 8 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Bethlehem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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'.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of Beit Kahil and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations took place between civilians and Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint, during which the Israeli troops injured 2 children. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 35 leading to Tarqumiya Crossing on the Green Line and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Physical Assault/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 19 February 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Adh Dhahiriya, arrested 2 civilians, and fired 1 gas grenade inside a house, injuring 5 civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 02:00 on 20 February 2006, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 6 civilians, including 3 brothers. (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im and searched a number of houses. (iv) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (v) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and severely beat 1 civilian in the area of Bab az Zawiya, leaving him with injuries. (vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir and searched 1 house, after destroying its doors (using explosives). • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Adh Dhahiriya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Basem Hasan Samamreh; and (ii) 'Imad Abdul Hameed al Hawareen. <p>The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Lu'ay Shihdeh 'Alqam; (iv) Mufeed Shihdeh 'Alqam; (v) Mohammed Shihdeh 'Alqam; (vi) Mohammed Fu'ad 'Alqam; (vii) 'Atef Omar 'Alqam; and (viii) Samer Ali 'Alqam.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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. The Israeli army allowed 2,665 workers and 50 merchants to cross the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<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. • Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 10:30, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from Point 84 on the Green Line east of Gaza city towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Air Patrol: At 11:20, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza. • Palestinian Attack: At 20:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line but exploded in the area where it was launched.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 21:45, the Israeli army opened fire from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in Wadi as Salqa, injuring 1 civilian.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol 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.

GENERAL

<p style="text-align: center;">WORK PERMITS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 6,894 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • Gaza Strip: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,177 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, only 2,665 workers (approximately 52% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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