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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 20 February 2011 – 08:00, 21 February 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Arrests (per person)	9	_	9	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 1 in Salfit
Detentions	14	1	15	Incl. 3 fishermen at sea
Raids	26	_	26	Incl. 5 in Jenin & 1 in Tubas
Checkpoints	10	_	10	Access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	_	19	Incl. 4 in Qalqiliya & 1 in Tulkarm
Attacks	_	1	1	From military posts in Rafah district
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	Detain a police vehicle at Al Container
House Demolition	1	_	1	Force civilian to demolish an extension
Confiscation of Property	3	2	5	Incl. fishing boat & nets at sea in Rafah
Destruction of Property	14	_	14	Incl. demolish shacks & tent houses
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem city & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	50	_	50	Incl. 3 in Tulkarm & 1 in Jenin
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossings
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Cut off 250 olive trees in Nablus district
TOTAL	168	8	176	

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WEST BANK

Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the occupied city of Jerusalem and Al Agsa Mosque, and prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, except those possessing Israeli permits.
- On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order (ii) # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall.
- The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian (iii) access to a hill located in an area between the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall (ii) section separating the area of Dahiyat Al Bareed in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Beit Iksa, which leads to the city of Jerusalem, by an iron gate, and allows civilians access to occupied Jerusalem city through Oalandiya checkpoint only.

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Checkpoints:

- The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint (i) a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem.
- In the evening of 20 February 2011, the Israeli army closed Beit Iksa (ii) checkpoint, prevented civilian access and re-opened it at a later time.

Raids:

- At 01:00 on 20 February 2011, the Israeli army raided and patrolled (i) the village of Mikhmas.
- At 14:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Beit Anan. (ii)
- **Arrests:** At 23:35, the Israeli army arrested in occupied Jerusalem city 3 civilians from the village of Battir in Bethlehem district under the pretext of not has entry permits. They are: Nidal Mustafa 'Adwan; Raed Ibrahim Al Qeisi; and Hasan Muhammad 'Adwan.
- **House Demolition:** On 20 February 2011, the Israeli army in the village of Sur Bahir forced the civilian Ramzi Muhammad Shehadah Attoun to demolish an extension of his house estimated at 70 square meters in size to avoid paying high fines estimated at about 70000 shekel (equivalent to \$19400) under the pretext of not having a license.

Wall Gates:

(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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues north of Qalandiya village, south of Az-Za'im village and al-'Eizariya Valley and west of the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village, Safa village and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village with an iron gate after removing the dirt barricade from its entrance. Raids: At 11:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Dibwan and the village of Bittin. At 03:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Am'ari refugee camp in ElBireh city. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud, in the periphery of the settlement of Ofarim and north of the villages of Al Lubban Al Gharbi and Rantis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. Raids: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area. At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of As-Silat Al Harithiya and the village of Tanoak. At 16:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled At-Tayba and Anin villages. 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.
TOUBAS	 Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Bardala village and searched a house.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shofeh and the road between the villages of Shofeh and Izbat Shofeh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the side road leading to Ramin village (off Tulkarm – Nablus main road).

	 Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road and impede civilian access. Raid: At 11:35, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area. 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.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flving Checkpoints: At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Qalqiliya, detained 2 civilians after handcuffing them and released them at a later time after DCO intervention. At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Izbat At-Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 15:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Azzun. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nabi Elias. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and search civilians, including students, with a detector. The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi Ar-Rasha and prevent the access of its inhabitants. The Israeli army only allows the passage of students to their schools outside the village through Habla town gate, while allowing the passage of civilians through gate # 109. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues on land belonging to the village of Immatin, northeast of the settlement of 'Amano'el, and east of the town of Kafr Thulth near the settlement of Ma'aleh Shomron.
NABLUS	 Closure of Main Roads: 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 road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the villages of Duma and Qaryut;

and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. **Checkpoints:** (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00. Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until (ii) 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint on the road junction (i) located between Qabalan town and Talfit. Again at 16:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya. (iii) At 21:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the villages of Salim, Azmut and Deir Al Hatab. Raids: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Khirbet Tana, (i) located east of Beit Furik town, and for the 5th time demolished 13 shacks and tents used as civilian houses, confiscated an agricultural tractor belonging to the civilian Mansour Muhammad Nasasreh, and also confiscated pipes for electricity and water lines and a manual cement mixer. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area. **Settler Violence:** On 20 February 2011, a group of Israeli settlers cut off some 250 olive trees in civilian agricultural land belonging to the villages of Qusra and Doma. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the (ii) entrances of 2 side roads between the village of Marda and its agricultural land. (iii) The Israeli army continues to open the northern entrance to the city SALFIT of Salfit (that has been closed for 7 years) and allow the access of passenger buses only. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Hares to protect a group of settlers visiting a religious shrine and withdrew at 11:30.

	(ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit
	 until 04:00. Arrest: At 12:20, the Israeli army arrested at Za'tara checkpoint the civilian Adel Hasan Shehadeh. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of the town of Deir Istiya (southeast of the settlement of 'Amanu'el).
JERICHO	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 that is located between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits. Flying Checkpoint: At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:05. Raid: At 21:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Auja, stormed the house of the civilian Mousa Abu Al 'Asal who is the Imam of the village mosque and requested from him not to incite against Jews in Jum'a prayer speech and withdrew at 00:30.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (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) As of 15 September 2007, the Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access, pursuant to military order # 07/02, to 22 dunum area confiscated according to military order # 07/31 to establish a crossing point in the area of Al Mazmuriya between the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. (iii) As of 20 January 2011, the Israeli army continues to close the dirt road between the villages of Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town and the agricultural road that is located between the town of Taqu'a and the village of Khirbet Al Baq'a. Checkpoint: At 17:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Container checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Fajjar. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Dar Salah at the eastern entrance to the city of Beit Sahur

• Raids:

- (i) At 02:00 on 20 February 2011, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and arrested a civilian. Again at 20:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area until 21:30.
- (ii) At 22:20 on 20 February 2011, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested a civilian

• Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Husan the civilian Fadi Sa'di Nimr Shosheh.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Beit Fajjar the civilian Nader Ahmad Khalil Ayesh Thawabteh.
- <u>Detention</u>: At 11:00, the Israeli army detained at Al Container checkpoint the Palestinian National Security officer Baha' Mahmoud Salem Al Hasanat and released him at a later time following DCO intervention.
- <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces</u>: At 13:30, the Israeli army detained at Al Container checkpoint a civil police vehicle transporting a criminal detainee from the city of Jenin to the city of Bethlehem (despite a prior coordination for its passage) and allowed it to pass at a later time following DCO intervention.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.

• Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to al Laban Market by iron boards. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of al-Hisba (the fruit and vegetable market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 09/06 closing the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuating those inside it and preventing civilians from accessing it. This is the land seized for military purposes for the construction of the Wall.

• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the

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- main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to 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 bypass Road # 60.
- (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the side roads off the bypass road leading to the town of Yatta.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades detour roads in Al 'Arqan area along the Adh Dhahiriya-As Samoa' main road, and detour roads near Beit 'Amra and Wadi ash Shajina villages.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Zif and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in Al Mawrida area in Yatta town and arrested a civilian.
- (iii) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At dawn on 20 February 2011, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, searched a number of houses and arrested a civilian.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (iii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched a house and arrested a civilian.
- (iv) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided Idhna town and searched a house.

Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested in Al Mawrida area in Yatta town the civilian Muhammad Ahmad Sulaiman Abu Sabha.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Beit Ummar the civilian Habes Hisham Khalil Abu Hashem.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested in the town of Yatta the civilian Muhammad Mahmoud Abu 'Obaid.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

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At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period.

	The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by opening fire from its locations on the Green Line in the district of Rafah.
NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for the passage of critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, the staff of international humanitarian organizations, traders, businessmen and civilians travelling through Al Karama Crossing who have prior coordination.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing for fuel transport is closed since 04 January 2010 by an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	Events not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Events not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is open for the entry of 790 stranded civilians and patients who received treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the entry of food, humanitarian assistance, a quantity of cooking gas, 7 truckloads of cement for the benefit of internationally funded projects, and for the export of 3 truckloads of strawberries and flowers. Attack: At dawn on 21 February 2011, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line towards civilian agricultural land and houses in the periphery of Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing east of Rafah city. Detentions: At dawn on 19 February 2011, the Israeli army detained 3 fishermen as Israeli navy boats intercepted their fishing boat while fishing at sea in front of Rafah city beach. The Israeli army confiscated the boat and the fishing nets and released the fishermen in the morning of 20 February 2011 through Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing after interrogating them. The fishermen are: Mustafa Hijazi Al-Lahham; Mahmoud Hasan Hijazi Al-Lahham; and Hijazi Hani Al-Lahham.