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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 21 February 2009 – 08:00 22 February 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	3	—	3	1 in a raid and 2 during confrontations
Raids	26	—	26	Incl. 9 in Tulkarem and 7 in Nablus
Arrests (per person)	5	—	5	Incl. 1 child and 1 female civilian
Detentions	17	—	17	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Attack on Property	1*	—	1	Incl. construction of a house ceased
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into mil. post in Bethlehem
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	Incl. 2 in Salfit and 4 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarem & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	53	—	53	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 5 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	All Crossing Points completely closed
Settler Violence	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	3 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	140	9	149	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<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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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: (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). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raids: (i) At 01:000, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp and searched 1 house. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis and searched 1 building as well as as 1 house. The Israeli army also detained and interrogated residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrest: At 20:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' arrested Fares Mohammed Abu Latifeh. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attack on Property: On 21 February 2009, the Israeli army closed the National Theatre (<i>Al Hakawati</i>) and prevented civilians from celebrating a national event. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Gates: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
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	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<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. • Raids/Attack: <p>(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Misliya and arrested 1 child.</p> <p>(ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arraba.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Raheem Yousef Abu ar Rub, 16 years old, in the village of Misliya. • 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: 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.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 10:45, and again at 19:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. (iii) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iv) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal'a. (v) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Zeita. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area. At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched 2 houses. (vi) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir al Ghusun. (vii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Saffarin. • <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>Wall Gates:</u> <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. At 20:40, the Israeli army closed the wall gate and reopened it at a later time. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul 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 was suspended for the weekend south of the town of Jayyus.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul 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 with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama;

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 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 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. (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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nassariya. (ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area of the popular housing project in the city of Nablus. (iii) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Bizzariya. (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. (v) At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp as well as patrolled these areas until 04:00. (vi) At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Furik.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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>(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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Bruqin and the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:45.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Rafat, searched 3 houses, and withdrew at 16:30. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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.
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. • Checkpoints: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 04:10, the Israeli army raided 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in the city of Jericho. Having brought Tareq Dawwas, a political prisoner, along with them, the Israeli army also searched his house as well as arrested his wife and brother. • Arrests: <p>(i) On 20 February 2009, Israeli troops positioned at Al Karamah (Allenby) Bridge arrested Ala' Ali Jasser Shreim, a resident of the city of Qalqiliya, while he was travelling to Jordan.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp in the city of Jericho:</p> <p>(ii) Ishraq Ibrahim Mansour, wife of Tareq Dawwas; and</p> <p>(iii) Basel Dawwas.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Dar az Zir and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/House Occupation/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and searched a number of houses. (ii) At 18:25, the Israeli army raided the area of Rukba, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after having detained residents. At 07:25, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Attack on Property:</u> On 05 February 2009, the Israeli army delivered a notice on the cessation of constructing a house belonging to George Musallam. Measuring 300 square metres, the house is located south of Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) in the city of Bethlehem. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</p> • <u>Attack:</u> At 21:45, the Israeli army fired a sound grenade along Ash Shuhada' Street in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Surif.</p> <p>(ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian to reported to the Israeli Intelligence agency.</p> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 12:10, Israeli settlers severely beat Marwan Na'im Da'na near the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with contusions. Consequently, Da'na was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> Armed Palestinian individuals fired 3 mortars towards the Green Line.
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) At 20:30, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 23:00, 1 Grad missile 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 is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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 closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.