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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 23 February 2009 – 08:00 24 February 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Jerusalem
Injury	1	—	1	A child in the Qatanna village, Jerusalem
Attacks	3	8	11	Incl. 4 from mil. posts and 5 by navy boats
Raids	41	—	41	Incl. 11 in Bethlehem and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrol	—	1	1	By F16 combat aircraft over Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	20	—	20	At checkpoints and in residential locales
House Demolitions	*	—	—	Notices distributed to demolish 88 houses
Land Levelling	1	—	1	Near a checkpoint in Qalqiliya
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	4	—	4	Incl. doors of shops destroyed, Nablus
Attacks on Property	1*	—	1	Offices of a TV station occupied
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of 'Anabta in Tulkarem
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 2 in Salfit and 5 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	—	3	3	4 crossing points opened partially
School Disruption	2	—	2	Incl. a school raided and searched, Nablus
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Hebron
TOTAL	202	14	216	

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 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Attack/Injury:</u> At 16:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna opened fire towards and injured 12-year-old Mohammed Yousef al Faqeeh. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 13:30, Israeli troops severely beat Mohammed Jamil al Ja'afreh in the city of Jerusalem, leaving him with contusions. • <u>Raid/Curfew/School Disruption/Detentions:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata, imposed curfew, and demand the town's school headmaster not allow students to leave the school. The Israeli army also searched a commercial shop selling vehicle spare parts after having detained civilians insides. At 13:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>House Demolitions:</u> On 22 February 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for evacuation of 88 houses in order demolish them in the neighbourhood of Silwan in the city of Jerusalem.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ol 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Arura and searched 1 house. (ii) At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh as well as Al Am'ari refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in Al Am'ari refugee camp. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Jaba', searched civilians and vehicles, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 10:45. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. (ii) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 04:00. (iii) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Dan and arrested a Palestinian National Security officer. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of Jaba' arrested an unidentified civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army arrested Abdul Karim Zahi Abdul Karim as Sa'di in the city of Jenin. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Murad Ibrahim 'Aabed in the village of Kafr Dan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Far'a and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:20. • Raids: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas. At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area until 03:15.
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: <ul 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. • Checkpoints: 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). • Flying Checkpoint: At 18:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Lid. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area until 11:30. (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Saffarin. (iv) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. • 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. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 14:55, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Jal'ud, denied civilian access, and reopened it at 16:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Hajja, searched 2 houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:20. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested 'Uday Usamah Ma'zouz Massalhah in the village of Hajja. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Jayyus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Abdul Hafeeth Ahmed Sa'id Khaled; and (iii) Mu'nes Abdul Ilah Mohammed Khaled. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> At 15:45, the Israeli army levelled civilian land in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya. • <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 continues south of the town of Jayyus. (iii) Beginning on 22 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to level civilian land for adjustment of the Wall route near the settlement of Alfe Menashe south of the city of Qalqiliya. The new Wall route will remove the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha from the Wall-associated Closed Zone. However, it will effectively isolate land belonging to these villages behind the Wall.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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 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.

	<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. • Raids/Detentions/Destruction of Property/School Disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Badhan and patrolled the area until 16:50. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched a number of houses after detaining residents. Having destroyed their doors, the Israeli army also searched several commercial shops. In addition, the Israeli army raided and searched Thafer al Massri School. After detaining staff members in a room, Israeli troops occupied offices of a local television station as well as converted it into a military post. Moreover, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians (brothers). (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Sharaf, searched a number of houses, and served summons to 8 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (iv) 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ghazi 'Imad Khaled Qandeel; and (ii) Samer 'Imad Khaled Qandeel.
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. (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:20. (ii) At 07:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, after which the Israeli army withdrew at 19:15. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya and patrolled the area until 21:30. (iii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. The Israeli army also detained another civilian and withdrew at 23:50. (iv) At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Farkha and patrolled the area until 03:00. • <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.
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. • <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.
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.

- **Closure of Main Roads:** 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.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Tuqu' and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:00.
 - (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Raids:**
 - (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area until until 02:45.
 - (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala.
 - (iii) At 11:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village again, set up another checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iv) At 11:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ash Shawawra.
 - (v) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the debris of the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 16:40.
 - (vi) At 22:25, the Israeli army raided the area of Um Rukba in the vicinity of the town of Al Khadr and searched 1 house.
 - (vii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 02:45.
 - (viii) At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Za'tara.
 - (ix) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Artas and patrolled the area until 02:35.
- **Arrest:** At 01:15 on 23 February 2009, the Israeli army arrested 'Adli 'Izzat Balahah during its raid into the city of Bethlehem, in addition to those reported yesterday.
- **Attack on Property:** On 19 January 2009, the Israeli army distributed notices for cessation of the construction of 2 houses in the village of Battir, ostensibly because relevant owners had not obtained the required construction licences.
- **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.

HEBRON

- **Closure:**
 - (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:**
 - (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 Checkpoint:** At 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Sa'ir and Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:15.
- **Raids/Destruction of Property:**
 - (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bani Na'im.
 - (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city again.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, searched 1 house, damaged furniture, and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (v) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ash Shuyukh and searched a number of caves. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Hatem Mohammed al Kharouf in the town of Idhna. • Demonstration: At 10:30, families of political prisoners, held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Hebron in solidarity with their relative prisoners and demanding that they be released. • Wall Construction: 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

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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. • Violations of the Ceasefire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army opened fire from its locations on the Green Line towards civilians and property. Israeli navy boats also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats and vacant land on the Gaza Strip beach. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning of 23 February 2009, Israeli navy boats fired several missile mortars towards vacant land in the area of As Sudaniya northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) In the evening of 23 February 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. (iii) At various times on 23 February 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its locations on the Green Line towards agricultural land in the areas of As Sifia, Ash Shayma', and Al 'Atatira adjacent to the Green Line north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> (i) In the morning of 23 February 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 12:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of what and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of limited quantities of fuel. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 23 February 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea as well as towards vacant land on the beach of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 12:30, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies and carried out diversionary air raids over the district of Khan Yunis.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis. Access was allowed into the Gaza Strip to 160 civilians, who were stranded on the Egyptian border. Also, 590 civilians, including patients, holders of residence cards in other countries, and students, were allowed to leave for Egypt. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.