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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 23 February 2010 – 08:00, 24 February 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	—	2	Incl. a settler ran his vehicle into a civilian
Arrests (per person)	8	—	8	Incl. a child, a journalist & a police officer
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	29	4	33	Incl. 2 in Jenin & 2 in Tubas
Checkpoints	8	—	8	Access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 2 in Hebron & 2 in Bethlehem
Attacks	11	5	16	Incl. 10 in confrontations & 4 in raids
Air Patrols	2	4	6	Incl. 4 patrols for reconnaissance
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	The detention of a civil police vehicle
House Occupation	2	—	2	Roof of houses in Bethlehem & Hebron
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	ID of a civilian in Hebron city
Destruction of Property	3	4	7	Incl. settlers cutting off 45 olive trees
Land Leveling	—	4	4	Areas of land in Gaza Strip
Wall Construction	22	—	22	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Partial opening of 3 crossings only
Closure of Main Roads	40	—	40	Incl. 3 in Salfit & 1 in Jericho
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. stoning civilians in Hebron city
Demonstrations	6	—	6	Protest adding Al Ibrahimi to Jewish sites
TOTAL	178	25	203	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the villages of Biddu and Beit Ikka. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section separating the area of Dahiyat Al Bareed in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 23 February 2010, the Israeli army raided the village of Hizma and searched a house. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Anan. Confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area. (iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Ar-Ram, set up a flying checkpoint in the middle of the town and patrolled the area. • Demonstration: In the morning of 23 February 2010, student demonstrations set about in Salah Ad-Din Street, Mount of Olive and Shu'fat refugee camp in Jerusalem city in protest at the decision of the Israeli prime minister to include Al Ibrahimi Mosque and Bilal Bin Rabah (Al Qubba) Mosque on the list of Jewish holy sites. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army while confronting the demonstrations. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on 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 in the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, south of Beit Hanina village, and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Atara town and arrested a police officer. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested on the overpass leading to Atara town police officer Kazem Farouq Sarhan. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the towns and villages of ‘Abud and Bil’in, and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 21:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Jarba and Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Rummana. (ii) At 20:00, Israeli army helicopter airborne infantry troops raided and combed the area located between the town of Arraba and the village of Fahma. • Settler Violence: At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers entered the debris of the previously evacuated settlement of Homesh. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers at 17:00. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TOUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the city of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Tayasir, set up a flying checkpoint near the village boys’ school, patrolled the area and withdrew at 15:45. (ii) At 20:10, Israeli army helicopter airborne infantry troops raided and combed the forest area located in the western side of the town of Aqaba. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 19:30, the Israeli army at Tayasir checkpoint detained a civil police vehicle travelling to the village of Bardala to inspect an accident in which an agricultural tractor has turned over causing the death of its driver in the village. The civil police vehicle was allowed access at a later time following DCO intervention.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the town of Qaffin and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qaffin. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. (iii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Attil. (iv) At 04:05, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarm and searched a shop for selling mobile telephones. (v) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafa, searched a house and arrested a civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested in the village of Kafa the civilian Omar Muhammad Bleidi. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army removed and destroyed placards and traffic signs erected at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jit and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village under the pretext of throwing stones towards settler vehicles. (ii) At 20:15, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints in the area between the villages of Hajja and Kafr Qaddum and near the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Azzun. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jayyus until 02:45. (iii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and patrolled the area. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> At 10:10, the Israeli army removed and destroyed placards, traffic signs and advertisement boards erected on the two sides of Qalqiliya – Nablus main road. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 19:00, an Israeli settler driving his vehicle near the settlement of Shavi Shomron, on Qalqiliya – Nablus main road ran into the civilian Isam Abu Shihab causing him injuries and contusions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab’a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
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 Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close by an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village, opposite Shavi Shomron settlement. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of Aqraba to the village of Osarin. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <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 other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00. (ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:30 on 23 February 2010, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Asira Ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Burin and set free a number of police-trained dogs that chased and terrified civilians inside the village. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus and Iskar refugee camp in the city until 04:00. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At dawn on 23 February 2010, a group of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement cut off some 45 olive trees from land belonging to civilians in Burin village located near the settlement.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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 and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • <u>Raid:</u> At 00:25, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit, searched a number of houses, served summons to 11 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency and withdrew at 01:50. • <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 Kifl 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. (ii) 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Az Zubeidat, searched a number of houses after detaining their residents in open air and withdrew at 00:20. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Auja and served summon to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
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) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan, set up 2 flying checkpoints at its eastern and western entrances and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village. The Israeli army also occupied the roof of a house and converted it into a military post and withdrew at 17:00. (ii) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided Bethlehem city and Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city. Confrontations took place with civilians while searching a number of houses in the refugee camp causing injury to a civilian. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested in Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem the civilians Maher Ahmad Ash Shareef and Fathi Muhammad Lutfi Al Akhras. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint arrested 4 civilians and released them at 16:30 following DCO intervention. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> At 10:00, a comprehensive strike covering all walks of life, including schools and universities, took place in the city of Bethlehem. Mass and student rallies set about in protest at the decision of the Israeli prime minister to include Al Ibrahim Mosque and Bilal Bin Rabah (Al Qubba) Mosque on the list of Jewish holy sites. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Ephrata; 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: 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 fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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 traveling along 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.

- **Flying Checkpoints:**

- (i) At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Wadi Qaboun (the northern entrance to the city of Hebron off bypass Road # 35) and searched civilians and vehicles.

- **Raids:**

- (i) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, searched a commercial shop and withdrew at 19:30.
- (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Arrub refugee camp until 19:20.
- (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched a number of houses, confiscated the ID of the civilian Ali Abdallah Lafi An-Najjar and withdrew at 06:00.
- (iv) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and searched a house.
- (v) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Nuba.

- **Attack:** At 18:40, the Israeli army fired light flares in the sky above the area located between the town of Tarqumiya and Tarqumiya Crossing located on the Green Line.

- **Arrests:**

- (i) At 11:15, the Israeli army arrested near Al Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron the journalist Naser Ash Shuyukhi under the pretext of attacking an Israeli police officer.
- (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including a child, in the old city of Hebron. The 3 civilians are: Muhammad Abu Rumeila, 16-year-old; Thaer Nidal Al Ewaiwi; and Muhammad Al Karki.

- **Settler Violence:** At 11:40, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones and empty bottles towards civilians in Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron.

- **Demonstrations:**

- (i) At 11:25, a student demonstration set about in the town of Halhul in protest at the decision of the Israeli prime minister to include Al Ibrahim Mosque and Bilal Bin Rabah (Al Qubba) Mosque on the list of Jewish holy sites. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army in the periphery of Halhul overpass.
- (ii) At 13:40, a student demonstration set about in the old city of Hebron in protest at the decision of the Israeli prime minister to include Al Ibrahim Mosque and Bilal Bin Rabah (Al Qubba) Mosque on the list of Jewish holy sites. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army in Az-Zahed area, Ash-Shalala Street and the periphery of Tarek Bin Ziyad School. The Israeli army occupied in the area of Az-Zahed the roof of the house belonging to the civilian Abdulazeem An-Natsheh, prevented its residents from entering it and converted it into a military post.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 raiding Palestinian territory and opening fire intensively in the districts of Northern Gaza, Central Gaza, Khan Yunis and Rafah. Israeli navy boats also opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite As Sudaniya area beach in the district of Northern Gaza.
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<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • Raid: At dawn on 24 February 2010, the Israeli army, including 4 armored vehicles and a bulldozer, covered by reconnaissance aircrafts, raided Palestinian territory northwest of Beit Lahiya town and opened fire intensively towards civilian agricultural land and houses while leveling areas of agricultural land.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (i) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing for fuel transport is closed since 04 January 2010 by an Israeli unilateral decision.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 14:30, the Israeli army, including 5 armored vehicles and 3 bulldozers, covered by reconnaissance aircrafts, raided 300 meters deep into Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij and Al Maghazi refugee camps and opened fire intensively towards civilian agricultural land and houses while leveling areas of agricultural land.
<p>KHAN YOUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: In the morning of 24 February 2010, the Israeli army, including a number of armored vehicles and bulldozers, covered by reconnaissance aircrafts, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Qarara town and opened fire intensively towards civilian agricultural land and houses while leveling areas of agricultural land.

<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing was opened on exceptional basis on 22 February 2010 for the entry of 5 civilians and the departure of 30 other civilians. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the transport of food, humanitarian assistance, a quantity of industrial diesel for the electricity plant, cooking gas, and for the export of 3 shipments of flower. • Raid: In the morning of 24 February 2010, the Israeli army, including 5 armored vehicles and 4 bulldozers, covered by reconnaissance aircrafts, raided 300 meters deep into the periphery of Sufa Crossing northeast of Rafah city, opened fire intensively towards civilian agricultural land and houses and leveled areas of agricultural land and a farm for raising poultry.
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