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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 24 February 2010 – 08:00 25 February 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Incl. civilians in Jerusalem and Nablus
Injury	1		1	A civilian during confrontations, Jenin
Attacks	6	2	8	Incl. 2 in raids and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	38	1	39	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 9 in Hebron
Air Patrol	_	1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft, Northern Gaza.
Arrests (per person)	28	_	28	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 12 in Hebron
Detentions	12	_	12	At checkpoints and in residential locales
House Demolitions	*	_	_	Notices for demolition of 9 houses
Land Levelling	_	1	1	Agricultural land in Northern Gaza
Wall Construction	22	_	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	6	1	7	Incl. 5 artesian wells & crops
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	A personal computers in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	8		8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	23	_	23	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 9 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya villages
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. food supplies and aid allowed
School Disruption	3	_	3	Incl. gas grenades fired on 2 schools
Settler Violence	1		1	Civilian houses attacked in Jerusalem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	A Police vehicle detained in Bethlehem
Demonstration	1		1	Against annexing mosques, Hebron
TOTAL	202	10	212	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

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.
- (i) 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).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

• 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) The Israeli army continues 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>House Demolitions</u>: On 24 February 2010, the Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of 9 civilian houses in Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem.
- <u>Settler Violence/Physical Assaults</u>: In the evening of 24 February 2010, a group of Israeli settlers attacked a number of civilian houses neighbouring the Al Ghawi family's house, which they had seized earlier, in Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also assaulted a number of civilians when they attempted to confront settlers.

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 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.

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	• Wall Construction: 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	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. Raids: At dawn on 24 February 2010, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3 civilians. At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Sinjil and arrested 1 university student. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and arrested 2 civilians. At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Jalazun refugee camp. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Rima: Ra'fat Saqer; Ahmed Sameh al Khatib; and Husni Mahmoud Husni. The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ribhi Hussein Ghafari in the town of Sinjil. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of El Bireh: Majdi Jamal Karakrah; and Mohammed 'Adnan Karakrah. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 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/Destruction of Property/Injury: At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Dan. While destroying 5 artesian wells, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured Ibrahim Subhi 'Abed, who was transported to hospital for medical treatment. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians ('Abed's father and brother). At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Yamun. At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and patrolled the area until 05:00. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kafr Dan: Subhi Ahmed 'Abed; and Ahmed Subhi 'Abed.

	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	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Raids: At 03:00 on 24 February 2010, the Israeli army raided the village of Shufa and arrested 1 civilian. At 12:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un and arrested 1 civilian. At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Khirbet 'Izbat at Tayyah. Arrests: At 02:45 on 24 February 2010, the Israeli army arrested Ihab Sa'id al 'Ajami during its raid into the town of 'Attil, as was reported yesterday. The Israeli army arrested Sa'id Khalil Saleh in the village of Shufa. The Israeli army arrested Ayman Abdul Karim Omar in the village of Far'un. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	 Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the town of 'Azzun on the Qalqiliya-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles. At 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:30. Raids: At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village Baqat al Hatab. At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village again, searched a house and a store, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village, and searched civilians and vehicles.

- (ii) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Hajja, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the village, and searched civilians and vehicles. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (iii) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and searched 2 houses.
- <u>Wall Gate</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) 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 southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Nagura village opposite Shavei 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>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (i) At Tur neighbourhood 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 neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00.
- (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 08:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Physical Assault</u>: Israeli troops severely beat Ya'qoub Ayoub Abu al Leil while he was present inside the Green Line, leaving him with contusions.
 At 20:00, Abu al Leil was admitted to Nablus Public Hospital for medical treatment.

• Raids/Attack/Confiscation of Property:

- (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qusin.
- (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Jamma'in.

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	(iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burin.(iv) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and provided
	protection to a group of Israeli settlers, who visited Prophet Joseph's
	Shrine.
	(v) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Burqa.
	(vi) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp in the city of
	Nablus. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened fire, arrested 1 civilian, and confiscated a computer from his house.
	Arrests:
	(i) At 19:50, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested
	Ahmed Mohammed ash Shami.
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested Kamal Hasan Huweiti in Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus.
	Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (ii) CS 15.
	entrance to the city of Salfit. (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.
	• Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and
	impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.
SALFIT	• <u>Flying Checkpoint</u> : At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Raids:
	 (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Biddya. At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area until 05:15. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris, set up a
	checkpoint, and patrolled the area.
	 Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
	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
JERICHO	deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. At 10:00, the Israeli army installed an iron gate on the road.
	• Checkpoints:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra
	checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of
	Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access
	between 06:00 and 22:00.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 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, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 21:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Az Zubeidat.

• 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) 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 *dunums* (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:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.
- (ii) Beginning at 15:30 on 11 February 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:40, 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 until 10:30.
- (ii) At 11:45, 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 10:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Jab'a and patrolled the area until 11:20.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan. Meanwhile, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 22:05, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested 1 civilian.

• Arrests:

(i) At 19:00, Israeli troops arrested Mustafa Mohammed al Akhras, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency in the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion. Al Akhras was served a summons during an Israeli army raid into Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem.

BETHLEHEM

- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Nizar Mohammed Qaraqe' in the city of Bethlehem.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdullah Mohammed Thawabteh in the town of Beit Fajjar.
- Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained a Palestinian Police vehicle, while it was transporting 3 criminal detainees from the city of Jenin to the city of Hebron. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Police vehicle was allowed to cross.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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 Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.

• <u>Closure</u>:

- (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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army 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, controlling civilian access in the area.
- (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

• Closure of Main Roads:

HEBRON

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; 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 the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and 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 Road # 60.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 09:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 12:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.

- (iv) At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Tareq Bin Ziyad School in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 60 near Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- <u>Attack</u>: At 15:00, the Israeli army fired sound and tear gas grenades towards a number of civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.

• Raids/Detention/School Disruption:

- (i) At 09:30, and again at 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town Halhul.
- (ii) At 11:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 3 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. at 15:45, the Israeli army raided the city again, detained 1 civilian, recorded his cellular telephone number, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). At 00:35, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses and arrested 1 civilian.
- (iii) At 19:05, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched 1 house.
- (iv) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar. While searching a number of houses, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Having destroyed its doors, Israeli troops raided a kindergarten. Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 5 civilians and served summons 8 others to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (v) At 07:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 1 civilian.
- (vi) At 07:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 2 civilians.
- <u>Arrests</u>: At 02:20 on 24 February 2010, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raided into the town of Nuba, as was reported yesterday:
- (i) Suhayb Jamal ash Shurouf; and
- (ii) Firas 'Afif ash Shurouf.
- (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested Fadi Saber Bruqan in the old city of Hebron
- (iv) The Israeli army arrested Munther Hureiz in the city of Hebron.

The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar:

- (v) Ibrahim Fat'hi 'Awadh;
- (vi) Mohammed Rafeeg al 'Alami;
- (vii) Nader Mohammed Bahar;
- (viii) Iyad Bassam Za'aqiq; and
- (ix) Hasan Fahim al 'Alami.

The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Dura:

- (x) Salameh Ni'man ad Darabi'; and
- (xi) 'Isa Younes 'Isa al 'Awawdeh.

- <u>Demonstration/Attacks/School Disruption</u>: At 13:30, a demonstration, including students, took place in the old city of Hebron in protest against the Israeli Prime Minister's decision to annex the Ibrahim Mosque and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) to Jewish heritage sites. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army fired tear gas grenades, some of which targeted Az Zahra' and Al Ukhuwa girls schools, injuring a number of female students as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

- 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>: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses and property in the district of Northern Gaza.

NORTHERN GAZA

- <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
- <u>Attack</u>: In the morning of 24 February 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of civilians, who were working on their land in the area of As Sifa northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
- Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the morning of 24 February 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and 1 bulldozer covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of Al Maqbara ash Sharqiya east of the town of Jabalya. The Israeli army opened fire towards farmers while they were working on their land and levelled agricultural land.

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- Closure of Crossing Points:
- (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
- (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.

CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.				
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.				
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 173 civilians. Another 3 civilians were allowed to leave the Gaza Strip through the Crossing. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel allocated to the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas. Exportation of 2 truckloads of flowers was also allowed through the Crossing. 				