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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 24 February 2011 – 08:00 25 February 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Civilians beaten in Jenin and Qalqiliya
Injuries	—	2	2	Civilians during an air attack on Rafah
Air Attack	—	1	1	A missile fired by a UAV on Rafah
Attacks	1	3	4	Incl. 1 in a raid and 2 from mil. posts
Raids	21	1	22	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 5 in Nablus
Air Patrols	—	2	2	By UAV and reconnaissance aircraft
Arrests (per person)	12	—	12	Incl. a university student
Detentions	12	—	12	Incl. four school students
Land Levelling	1	1	2	In Salfit and Rafah districts
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	6	1	7	Incl. a vehicle destroyed in Rafah
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	27	—	27	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 11 in Nablus
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	47	—	47	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. a bulldozer set on fire, Nablus
TOTAL	162	15	177	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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 located at the entrances to Jerusalem city and to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city, only allowing access to civilians holding special permits. (i) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikksa villages. • 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 from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to Bir Nabala town and searched civilians and vehicles. • Arrest: On 24 February 2011, the Israeli army arrested Nasser Qous in the old city of Jerusalem. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, 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 north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za’ayyem village; and in Wadi al ‘Eizariya west of Ma’ale Adumim settlement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and ‘Ein Samiya villages. (ii) Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to ‘Atara town, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a civilian. • <u>Raid:</u> At 00:20, the Israeli army raided Bir Zeit town and patrolled the area until 01:15. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara arrested Yousef Hussein Abdullah. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 16:30, a group of Israeli settlers from ‘Ateret settlement threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near Um Safa village. Subsequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area west of ‘Abud town in the area surrounding ‘Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
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 Dotan settlement. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Rummana village and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid/Physical Assault:</u> At 02:30, the Israeli army raided Al Yamun town, searched a number of houses, and arrested a civilian. Israeli troops also severely beat Khaled Saleh Abu Salah, leaving him with contusions. At 03:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 02:10 on 24 February 2011, the Israeli army arrested three civilians during its raid into Jenin refugee camp, in addition to those reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Qussay Ibrahim Sammour; (ii) Lutfi Mustafa Husam as Sa’di; and (iii) Shiraz Mahmoud Khaled Abu Tabikh. (iv) The Israeli army arrested Murad Ahmed Nawahdhah in Al Yamun town. • <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.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. Again at 08:00, Israeli troops intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the checkpoint.
TULKAREM	<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 dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades a detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army raided Far'un village and searched a commercial shop selling vehicle spare parts. • <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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Izbat at Tabib village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested a university student. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 12:40, Israeli troops severely beat Thaer Abdul Rahman Saleem, while he was present on his land east of 'Azzun town. Saleem was transported to hospital for treatment of contusions sustained. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jayyus town. (ii) At 10:40, the Israeli army raided An Nabi Elyas village and searched a number of commercial premises. (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Azzun town. (iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jit village. (v) At 22:25, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city and patrolled the area near the Wall. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to Hajja village arrested Mohammed Kamal Saleh Hasan. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 05:00, a group of Israeli settlers raided Jit village, damaged wheel tyres of a number of civilian vehicles, and painted the Star of David on the walls of civilian houses. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.

NABLUS

- **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 road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
 - (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma’in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
- **Checkpoints:** 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 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00.
 - (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and ‘Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:20.
 - (iii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iv) At 14:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qabalan town and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (v) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to Til village and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (vi) At 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to ‘Iraq Burin village and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (vii) At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles on the junction leading to the villages of Salem, ‘Azmut, and Deir al Hatab.
 - (viii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Talfit and Qaryut villages and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ix) At 21:50, and again at 01:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (x) At 00:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Burin village. (ii) At 20:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Talfit village. (iii) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Talluza village. (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Nablus city. (v) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided Salem village and searched a number of houses. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 14:45, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained four school students after forcing them to step down from a bus. Having interrogated them, Israeli troops released all four students. • <u>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00, a group of Israeli settlers from Yitzhar settlement uprooted approximately 25 olive trees on civilian land in 'Urif village. The land belonged to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hussein Abdul Fattah Safadi; and (ii) Mohammed Salameh Safadi. (ii) At 05:15, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to a bulldozer belonging to Ibrahim Ali Saleh near the junction to Burin village. The bulldozer was parked inside a premise.
SALFIT	<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 dirt barricades and cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to two detour roads connecting Marda village to its respective farmland. (iii) The Israeli army continues to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impede civilian access. • <u>Raid:</u> At 15:20, the Israeli army raided Deir Istiya town and patrolled the area until 17:00. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> At 09:25, the Israeli army levelled olive groves, measuring approximately 12 <i>dunums</i>, near Revava settlement in Deir Istiya town. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army raided Jericho city and patrolled the area until 11:30. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided Fasayil village and patrolled the area until 00:10. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 23 February 2011, the Israeli army arrested Suleiman Saleh Zeidan, a resident of 'Aqbat Jaber refugee camp, while he was working in the Al Khan al Ahmar area. (ii) At 23:50, Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested two civilian residents of El Bireh city in Ramallah district, while they were returning from Jordan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Samer Harb Abdullah Abu Shama; and (ii) Khaled Mohammed Jamal al 'Utbi.
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 # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07. (iii) Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:30. (ii) At 12:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to Beit Sahur city near Dar Salah village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tuqu' town and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided Husan village. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 02:35, the Israeli army raided the village again, arrested a civilian, and withdrew at 05:00. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided Nahhalin town and patrolled the area until 01:15. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Bader Mohammed Shousheh in Husan village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S on the 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani village. (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 the road between Al Karmil and At Tuwani villages; all roads leading to Road # 60; and the road connecting Surif town to Al Jab'a village. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Ummar town and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:00. (iv) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to As Sarra village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Adh Dhahiriya town. • Arrest: At 23:40 on 23 February 2011, the Israeli army arrested Yousef Salem Hasan Mughannam during its raid into Yatta town, as was reported yesterday. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

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. The ceasefire continues to hold. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in Rafah district. An Israeli UAV fired a missile on a civilian vehicle, injuring two civilians.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 24 February 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on agricultural land and civilian houses east of Al Qarara town.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow 280 civilians, patients, students, and civilians holding visas and residence cards abroad to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to 96 civilians and patients, who had received medical attentions at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. In addition to 20 vehicles imported by the private sector, six truckloads of construction iron as well as 10 truckloads of cement designated to internationally funded projects were allowed access to the Gaza Strip. Two truckloads of flowers were also exported through the Crossing.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Air Attack/Injuries/Destruction of Property:</u> In the evening of 24 February 2011, an Israeli UAV fired a missile on a civilian vehicle in As Salam neighbourhood in Rafah city, injuring two civilians and destroying the targeted vehicle.• <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 24 February 2011, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line on agricultural land and civilian houses east of Rafah city.• <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the morning of 25 February 2011, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and a bulldozer covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory near Yasser Arafat International Airport east of Rafah city. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened fire on civilian houses and property. |
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