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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 25 February 2011 – 08:00 26 February 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	_	4	Civilians beaten, Jericho & Bethlehem
Injuries	3		3	Incl. a child in Ramallah
Air Attacks	_	2	2	Missiles fired by F16 combat aircraft
Attacks	7	_	7	During confrontations with civilians
Raids	19	_	19	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 4 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By F16 combat aircraft
Deportation	1	_	1	A civilian from his house in Jerusalem
Arrests (per person)	6	_	6	Incl. 2 in Ramallah and 3 in Qalqiliya
Detentions	14	_	14	Incl. 4 international peace activists
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. wheat crops destroyed, Ramallah
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	10	_	10	Incl. a checkpoint temporarily closed
Flying Checkpoints	29	_	29	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 9 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	47	_	47	Throughout the West Bank districts
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	7	_	7	Incl. civilian vehicle set on fire, Nablus
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	_	1	2 Police officers denied access
Palestinian Attack		1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	6	_	6	Incl. against settlement activity & Wall
TOTAL	177	11	188	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

- On 25 February 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at (i) checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up many flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Agsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians from other districts to perform Friday prayers at the Al Agsa Mosque.
- The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the (ii) Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits.
- The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian (iii) access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, (ii) separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern (iii) entrance to Beit Iksa 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.

- Deportation: On 25 February 2011, an Israeli court entered a decision on the deportation of Nasser Qous from his house in the old city of Jerusalem for a period of 15 days. It should be noted that Qous had been arrested by the Israeli army, as was reported yesterday.
- **Demonstration/Injuries:** At 12:30, civilians performed Friday prayers in the sit-in tent erected in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against the eviction of civilian homes for construction of Israeli settlement projects. After the prayers, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a civilian. A number of civilians also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.

Wall Gates:

- (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.
- west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.

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Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village and 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.

• Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:

- (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles. Having also and closed the iron gate at the entrance, the Israeli army denied civilian access to or from the village. In addition, Israeli troops prevented two Palestinian Police officers from accessing their station in the village.
- (ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Mughayyir village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Turmus'ayya town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 01:40, the Israeli army raided 'Abwein town, raided two houses, and served summonses on two civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency:
- (i) Ahmed Khalil Suhweil; and
- (ii) Saher Subhi Suhweil.

At 02:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

- <u>Arrests</u>: At 15:15, the Israeli army arrested two civilians (brothers) after raiding Bedouin premises in Al Mu'arrajat area east of At Tayba town:
- (i) Mohammed Ali Muleihat; and
- (ii) Hamzeh Ali Muleihat.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 14:50, a group of Israeli settlers sprayed a chemical material (using a tractor) on civilian land cultivated with wheat crops, damaging the whole wheat harvest.

• Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions:

- (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a child. Several protestors also sustained injuries due to tear gas inhalation.
- (ii) At 13:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for the expansion of Halamish settlement. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of civilians, including 3-year-old Samer Bilal at Tamimi, were wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (iii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.

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• <u>Checkpoint</u> : Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valle between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify it restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.	
 Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roal connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the roal connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour roal leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impedicivilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Raid: At 17:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Far'un village. Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians grante special Israeli permits. 	d d e
Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement block agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. Flying Checkpoints: (i) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance thajja village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance that 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance that Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 19:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to 'Azzun town on the Qalqiliya-Tulkarem road, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested two civilians. (v) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance that Immatin village and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jit village. (ii) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Thulth town as we as 'Izbat al Ashqar village. At 11:10, the Israeli army arrested Baha' Sameer Radhwan near 'Azzun town, ostensibly because he had thrown stones at Israeli settler vehicles.	o o e d d

Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up underneath the overpass to 'Azzun town arrested two civilians:

- (ii) Yasser Feissal Saleem; and
- (iii) Samahah Radhwan.

• Wall Gates:

- (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.
- Wall Construction: 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.

• 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.
- <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.
- (iii) At 14:10, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the Shavei Shomron checkpoint on the Nablus-Jenin main road and impeded civilian access until 17:15.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 19:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and Talluza village and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	(ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Sarra village on the Nablus-Qalqiliya main road and searched civilians and vehicles.	
	(iii) At 23:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles.	
	• Raids:	
	(i) At 14:20, and again at 10:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Burin village.	
	(ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided Burqa village, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.	
	(iii) At 22:25, the Israeli army raided 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and patrolled the area until 23:00.	
	• Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:	
	(i) At 00:30, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to Sabastiya village and attempted to gain entry into the Zaman Public Park.	
	(ii) At 04:30, a group of Israeli settlers from Bracha settlement raided Burin village, attacked a house belonging to Bashir Hamzeh, and set fire to his vehicle. Israeli settlers also splashed benzene and attempted to set fire to	
	the house, but civilians prevented settlers from doing so. Later, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.	
	• Closure of Main Roads:	
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to	
	the Bruqin town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to 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.	
SALFIT	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.	
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	(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles.	
	• Raids: At 17:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr ad Dik town.	
	<u>Wall Construction</u> : Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.	
	• Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90	
	between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.	
JERICHO	• <u>Checkpoints:</u> (i) At 23:15, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian	
JERROHO	(i) At 23:15, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint on Al Badhan road connecting Jericho	
	and Nablus districts. Israeli troops only allowed access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.	
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- (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. At 00:10, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time.
- Flying Checkpoint: At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Yitav settlement east of Al 'Auja village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Physical Assault: At 13:00, Israeli troops severely beat Mohammed Idrees Abdullah Hammoudeh, a resident of Al Qibya village in Jerusalem district. on the junction to the Dead Sea, leaving him with contusions.
- Raid: At 12:15, the Israeli army raided the area west of Jericho city and patrolled it until 13:25.

Closure:

- The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of (i) 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 dunums 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.
- Closure of Main Roads: 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.

Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assaults:

- At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to (i) Efrat settlement and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also stopped a civilian vehicle and beat passengers.
- At 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern (ii) entrance to Beit Sahur city near Dar Salah village and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:10.

Raids:

- (i) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Khirbet ad Deir village.
- At 16:00, the Israeli army raided Husan village and searched a number (ii) of commercial premises.
- **<u>Demonstration/Attack</u>**: At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops fired tear gas grenades on protestors and prevented them from accessing civilian land under the threat of confiscation for construction of the Wall. A number of participants sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.

BETHLEHEM

	• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of
	Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
	• <u>Closure</u> :
	(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: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoe' and
	(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
HEDDON	along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.
HEBRON	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 09:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to
	Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to
	An Nabi Yunis area east of Halhul town on the Hebron-Bethlehem
	main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(iv) At 10:00, and again at 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint
	at the entrance to Sa'ir town and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar
	(v) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(vi) At 11:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• Attack: At 17:20, the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well
	as tear gas grenades on a number of children in Az Zahed area in the old
	city of Hebron, allegedly for throwing stones.
	• Raids/House Occupation:
	(i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided Hebron city, set up a checkpoint,
	searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 11:00, the
	Israeli army raided the city again, occupied the roof of a building in
	Bab az Zawiya square, and converted it into a military post.

- (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Beit 'Awwa town, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
- (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Adh Dhahiriya town.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 08:15, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to Khirbet Jamrura area near Tarqumiya town as well as to Bir al Qos area in Beit Ula town. Israeli settlers withdrew from both areas at a later time.
- <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries/Detentions</u>: At 12:20, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the old city of Hebron in protest against settlement activity. Protestors also demanded that civilians be allowed freedom of movement and that Ash Shuhada' Street be reopened. Having obstructed the demonstration, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets as well as tear gas grenades on participants, injuring a civilian. Also, 10 protestors sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition to arresting a civilian, Israeli troops detained two civilians and four international peace activists and released them at a later time
- Arrest: Israeli troops arrested Nael Naji 'Amr in the old city of Hebron.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

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. The ceasefire continues to hold.
- Violations of the Ceasefire:
- (i) During two consecutive air raids, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles on Palestinian territory in the Central Gaza and Khan Yunis districts.
- (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA

- <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.
- <u>Palestinian Attack</u>: In the evening of 25 February 2011, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.

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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	• <u>Air Attack</u> : At dawn on 26 February 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired a missile on an unpopulated area west of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	Air Attack: At dawn on 26 February 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired four missiles on a training site belonging to an armed Palestinian group southwest of Khan Yunis city.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Sentence</u> : The Israeli military court at the 'Ofar Interrogation and Detention Centre sentenced Salameh Mohammed Abdul Rahman al Qatawi, a resident of Bir Zeit town in Ramallah district, to an imprisonment term of 15 years.
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