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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 26 February 2008 – 08:00, 27 February 2008

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	2	2	Central Gaza 1, Khan Yunis 1
Injuries	—	2	2	2 in Central Gaza, including 1 seriously
Arrests	20	—	20	Incl. 9 in Jenin & 4 in Bethlehem
Detentions	16	—	16	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Raids	34	2	36	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 10 in Hebron
Checkpoints	21	—	21	Incl. stricter measures at 13 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	20	—	20	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 5 in Jenin
Attacks	3	2	5	4 in raids & 1 during a confrontation
Air Attack	—	1	1	A UAV fired a missile on Central Gaza
House Demolition	1	—	1	A house in Sur Bahir, Jerusalem
House Occupation	1	—	1	A building in Nablus
Confiscation of Property	10	—	10	Incl. the computers & files of charities
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Closing a charity organization for 3 years
Destruction of Property	2	2	4	Incl. the leveling of agricultural land
Wall construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closures	7	—	7	Incl. 3 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	42	—	42	Incl. 10 in Tulkarm & 6 in Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Partial opening of 2 crossings
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	Incl. 17 mortars fired at the Green Line
TOTAL	203	21	224	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continued to close the entrances to al-Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al-Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al-Bareed to the town of al-Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and prevented civilian access. The Israeli army opened the checkpoint at a later time. (iii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Rafat and Ramot checkpoints, near the village of Beit Iksa, and impeded civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Jaba' and Hizma and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Eizariya and searched a house. • House Demolition: The Israeli army demolished a house belonging to the civilian Farhud As Siba'I, in the village of Sur Bahir, claiming that the house is not licensed. • 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.
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	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al-Bareed, Dahiyat al-Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to ‘Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba’ road, the area of al-‘Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of al-Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.
RAMALLAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the village of Safa with cement blocks.</p> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of ‘Atara and impede civilian access. • Raids: <p>(i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jifna and searched a number of houses.</p> <p>(iii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya, searched a building after detaining its residents outside, took photographs for residents after checking their IDs and withdrew at 03:10.</p> <p>(iv) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and searched a building and the house of the town’s mayor.</p> <p>(v) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, patrolled the area and withdrew at 04:10.</p> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of ‘Abud as well as in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads between the city of Tubas and the village of Al Jadida, the towns of Al Yamun and Birqin, the town of Aqaba and the village of Al Kufeir, and the villages of Ajja and the Ar Ramah.</p> • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Silat Ad Dhaher.</p> <p>(ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the village of Al Kufeir and the town of Aqaba.</p>

	<p>(iii) The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints between the town of Aqaba, on the junction to the town of Arraba, in the area between the villages of Anin and At Tayba and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Abu Da'if, searched a house and withdrew at 00:45.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. The Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades while searching a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 7 Palestinian National Security officers and withdrew at 05:00.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) At 02:00 on 26 February 2008, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians, Muhammad Radwan Yassin and Said Muhammad Jalal, during a raid on the city of Jenin.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested in the city of Jenin and in Jenin refugee camp the following 7 civilians</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shadi Ahmad Qousinin, a Palestinian National Security officer; 2. Rashed Abdallah Abu Sariyeh; 3. Fathi Huwail; 4. Ahmad Fathi Huwail; 5. Muhammad Fathi Huwail; 6. Khaled Abu Shehadeh; and 7. Hamad Salah Hamdallah Antir. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army issued notifications for the demolition of 5 houses in the village of Um Ar Rihan, claiming that they were not licensed. • <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.
TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • <u>Raid:</u> At 06:00 on 26 February 2008, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas and patrolled the area until 09:30.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road; the entrance to the village of Saffarin; the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil's plain; the road to the town of Deir al-Ghusun's plain; and the entrance to the village of 'Izbat Abu Khamis.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the entrance to the town of Bal'a (isolating it from the city of Tulkarm and the neighboring towns of villages).</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus road and at Jubara checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoint: At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:30. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of ‘Azzun to the village of ‘Asla. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Izbat Tabib. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nabi Elias. (ii) At 13:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus and searched a commercial shop selling construction material. • Arrest: At 19:00, Israeli troops positioned at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya arrested the civilian Mazen Bassam Abed Muhsen. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: Land leveling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and Shavei Shomron settlement. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh as well as the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of al Lubban al-Sharqiya with dirt barricades and cement blocks. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. (iii) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira al-Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases. (iv) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and impeded civilian access. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Qabalan and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided Ein Beit Il Ma' refugee camp in the city of Nablus, destroyed street lights while patrolling the area and withdrew at 00:50. (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, occupied a building in the city and transformed it into a military post, patrolled the area and withdrew at 05:00.
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 the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the agricultural road connecting the village of Iskaka and the bypass road (trans-Samaria) near Ariel settlement. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and to deny civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Az Zawiya and searched civilians. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda and arrested 2 civilians (brothers). (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dir Istiya. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested at Za'tara junction checkpoint the civilian Jihad Dawoud Sulaiman Irhaim. (ii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Marda Ahmad Hassan Sulaiman and Mahmoud Hassan Sulaiman. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.

JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja along al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat checkpoint connecting the district of Jericho to the district of Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road. (ii) The Israeli army closed with dirt barricades and cement blocks the only entrance to the village of Jib Ath Thebe. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 14:15. (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan, searched a number of commercial shops and confiscated boxes of fire arms. The Israeli army also issued summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli intelligence agency and withdrew at 16:00. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah and set up a checkpoint. (iv) At 21:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and the village of Artas, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (v) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Bethlehem city. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested at Al Container checkpoint 4 civilians and seized their vehicle. The Israeli army took the vehicle to a location near the village of Al Khas, checked it by a robot and opened fire at it. The names of the detained civilians were not known.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of 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"> • Closure: <ol 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 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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh al-Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) As of 23:30 on 25 February 2008, the Israeli army positioned its troops in the city of Hebron, set up a flying checkpoint in the center of the city and searched a money changer's shop. The Israeli army also searched the building belonging to Al Huda Charity Association, confiscated all its belongings and issued an order closing it for 3 years. The Israeli army withdrew at 11:40.

	<p>(ii) At 17:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Ras Al Jora and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the towns of Dura, Yatta, Bani Na'im and Tapuah. The Israeli army searched the offices of charity associations inside these towns and confiscated their computers and files.</p> <p>(iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Awla and searched a number of houses.</p> <p>(v) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, the village of Shuyukh Al Arrub and Al Arrub refugee camp and arrested 3 civilians. The Israeli army withdrew at 07:45.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested in Idhna, Shuyukh Al Arrub and Al Arrub refugee camp the 3 civilians: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emad Muhammad Hussein An Natah; 2. Wissam Muhammad Hamad; and 3. Muhammad Khalil Ayyad. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) Crossing is partially open (to allow previously coordinated humanitarian access). • Raid: At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 2 tanks and a bulldozer, raided Palestinian areas north of Beit Lahiya town. The Israeli army opened intensive fire and leveled large areas of agricultural land while raiding these areas. • Palestinian Attack: At 12:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<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. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to let in a limited quantity of fuel. • Palestinian Attack: On the evening of 26 February 2008, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Attack: At 23:40, an Israeli UAV fired a missile towards armed Palestinian individuals east of Al Bureij refugee camp, killing 1 individual and seriously injuring 2 others. • Killing: The Israeli army killed east of Al Bureij refugee camp: Zaki Adnan Hussein Abu Zaid.
<p>KHAN YOUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 15:00, the Israeli army, including a number of armed vehicles, raided Palestinian areas east of Al Qarara town and opened intensive fire resulting in the killing of a civilian while cultivating his land. The Israeli army also leveled agricultural land. • Killing: The Israeli army killed in Al Qarara town the civilian: Hassan Abu Sabt. • Palestinian Attack: At 08:45, 8 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: All Closed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (al-Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Palestinian Attack: At 19:10, 6 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.