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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 February 2009 – 08:00 27 February 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	A child of a UXO in Tubas
Injuries	2	3	5	Incl. 2 children of a UXO in Tubas
Air Attacks	—	6	6	Missiles fired by F16 aircraft on Rafah
Attacks	7	3	10	Incl. 3 in raids and 2 by navy boats
Raids	35	—	35	Incl. 6 in Bethlehem and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrols	—	2	2	By F16 combat aircraft over Rafah
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	In Ramallah, Jenin and Hebron
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	A pistol in Tarqumiya town, Hebron
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. access impeded at 10 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 3 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarem & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	54	—	54	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 5 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	2 crossing points opened partially
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Incl. a house seized in Jerusalem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A checkpoint set up near a Police station
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	6 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	190	23	213	

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) 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). • 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) Beginning on 16 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bared from the town of Ar Ram. • Checkpoint: 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. • Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a checkpoint in front of the town's Palestinian Police station, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • Settler Violence/Detentions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 26 February 2009, a group of Israeli settlers seized control of a house belonging to the family of Abu Nab in the Silwan neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem. (ii) On 26 February 2009, a group of Israeli settlers, under protection of the Israeli army, entered yards of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians while they were attempting to prevent settler from accessing the mosque. • 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 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • Raids/Attack: <p>(i) At dawn on 26 February 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Bil'in and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Mazari' an Nubani.</p> <p>(iii) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and opened fire while patrolling the area.</p> <p>(iv) At 03:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Arura.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Sa'd Mohammed Jamal al Khatib in the village of Bil'in. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main 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: <p>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Araqa. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village again.</p> <p>(ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Rummana.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: At 01:30 on 26 February 2009, the Israeli army arrested Hilal Yousef Mustafa Zeidan during its raid into the city of Jenin, in addition to those reported yesterday. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.

<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, 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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Tammun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Khallet as Sinan in the vicinity of the Al Far'a and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 16:00, and again at 18:30, and at 20:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun. (iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Aqaba and patrolled the area until 01:05. (iv) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tubas and patrolled the area until 03:00. • <u>Israeli Army UXO/Death/Injury:</u> At 15:00, Jamal Abdul Nasser Fuqaha, 16 years old, died and 2 other children sustained injuries after an unexploded ordnance of the Israeli army exploded in the village of Khirbet Yarza east of the city of Tubas.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road and at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem). • <u>Raid/Detentions:</u> At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Ramin, set up a checkpoint in the village's centre, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also searched a house and a coffee shop and detained 4 civilians. Having also patrolled the area, the Israeli army withdrew at 17:20. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Hajja, Al Funduq, and An Nabi Elyas. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 17:45, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim beat Mohammed Nimer Ishteivi, a resident of the village of Kafr Qaddum, while he was present on his land near the settlement. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. At 20:40, the Israeli army closed the wall gate and reopened it at a later time. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif. (ii) Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus. (iii) Beginning on 22 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to level civilian land for adjustment of the Wall route near the settlement of Alfe Menashe south of the city of Qalqiliya. The new Wall route will remove the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha from the Wall-associated Closed Zone. However, it will effectively isolate land belonging to these villages behind the Wall.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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 14 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed Palestinians holding Israeli-issued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through all checkpoints around the city. To prevent traffic jams, the Israeli army allows vehicles to leave the city through Beit Furik and Beit Iba checkpoints. In addition, the Israeli army has allowed free access to all physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus. (iv) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all civilian residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:00. (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Yasid and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 18:00, Israeli troops onboard patrols travelling along the main road east of the city of Nablus opened fire as well as fired sound grenades and flares over the hill east of 'Askar refugee camp in the city of Nablus. • <u>Raid:</u> At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Badhan.
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 the northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (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. (iii) Beginning at 17:50 on 24 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades all entrances to the village of Haris. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00.

	<p>(ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <p>(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zawiya and patrolled the area until 15:15.</p> <p>(ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and the village of Farkha and patrolled the area until 01:30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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. • Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja, took photographs of the building housing the village's Palestinian Police station as well as a Palestinian National Security location, and patrolled the area. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, recorded names and ID numbers of a number of civilians, and withdrew at 15:00.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <p>(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.</p> <p>(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 <i>dunums</i> (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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army removed the dirt barricades, which have been set up for year, at entrances to the area of housing project in the city of Beit Jala and the town of Al Khadr.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 14:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the village again, set up another checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 20:30. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (iii) At 22:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Artas and patrolled the area until 22:35. (iv) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the debris of the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area until 23:00. (v) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. • <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 Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: 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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a;

	<p>the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.</p> <p>(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash 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.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/House Occupation/Confiscation of Property:</u> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area between the village of Ar Rihiya and Al Fawwar refugee camp. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and searched 1 house. at 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town again, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. While patrolling the area, confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. (iv) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (v) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya, searched 1 house, confiscated a pistol, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Nathmi al Muraqtan in the town of Tarqumiya. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>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. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> (i) The Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory. Israeli navy boats also opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats. In addition, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles towards the Palestinian territory along the Egyptian border, ostensibly targeting smuggling tunnels, resulting in the injury of 3 civilians. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 6 mortars, including 2 anti-tank mortars, towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> In the evening of 26 February 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> (i) At 08:30 on 26 February 2009, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) In the morning of 27 February 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of limited quantities of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> At 16:55, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 anti-tank mortars towards an Israeli army jeep travelling along the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp. consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 18:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (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 partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>Air Attacks/Injuries:</u> (i) At 15:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles in 5 consecutive air raids towards the neighbourhoods of As Salam, Al Barazil, and An Nahda along the Egyptian border south and east of the city of Rafah, allegedly to destroy smuggling tunnels. (ii) At 20:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile towards the neighbourhoods of Al Barazil along the Egyptian border west of Rafah Crossing, claiming to be targeting a smuggling tunnel. The air attack resulted in the injury of 3 civilians.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> In the evening of 26 February 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah. |
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<p>POLITICAL PRISONERS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Sentences:</u> The Israeli military court at Salem Military Camp issued sentences against the following political prisoners from Jenin refugee camp: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Ibrahim Sa'ad Abu Ali to 15 years in prison. (ii) Shafe' Bassam as Sa'di to 55 months in prison and 25 months with the stay of execution. (iii) The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Military Camp also sentenced Majd Mousa, from the town of Beit Liqya in the district of Ramallah, to 4 and a half months in prison, as well as a fine of ILS 1,000 (approx. USD 255). • <u>Extension of Administrative Detention:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) The Israeli military court at 'Ofar Military Camp extended for various periods of time the administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 12 political prisoners from the districts of Ramallah, Bethlehem, and Hebron. (iv) The Israeli military court at Betah Tekva Prison extended for various periods of time the administrative detention against 8 political prisoners. Of these, the military court extended for 7 days the administrative detention against Rima Nafe' Abu 'Eisheh, a female political prisoner held in HaSharon Prion.
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