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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 February 2010 – 08:00 27 February 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	4	—	4	Incl. a security officer beaten & abused
Injury	1	—	1	A child during confrontations, Nablus
Attacks	5	—	5	In Nablus, Ramallah, and Hebron
Raids	7	—	7	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron
Arrest (per person)	1	—	1	A child in the district of Jerusalem
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
Wall Construction	22	—	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	*	—	—	Notices to demolish structures, Hebron
House Occupations	2	—	2	Converted into military posts, Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 5 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya villages
Closure of Main Roads	40	—	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Civilian land accessed & houses stoned
Demonstrations	7	—	7	Incl. against settlement activity & Wall
TOTAL	135	6	141	

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning at 24:00 on 25 February 2010, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish Purim Holiday. With the exception of previous-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army has prevented civilians and workers holding permits from accessing the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line. The closure will last until 24:00 on 01 March 2010.
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DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: (i) On 26 February 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Excluding those holding Israeli-issued ID cards, the Israeli army denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flying Checkpoint: At 24:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the tunnel on the road connecting the town of Biddu to the village of Al Jib and searched civilians and vehicles.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> On 26 February 2010, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Mohammed Samir Nafe', 16 years old. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 15:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlers' seizure of civilian houses. Protestors demanded that seized houses be returned to their Palestinian owners. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana. • <u>Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of protestors as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of protestors as a result of tear gas inhalation. (iii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih against settler violence and land confiscation for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of protestors as a result of tear gas inhalation.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the town of ‘Abud; in the village of Bil’in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<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. • Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Ya’bad, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a Palestinian Police vehicle, and allowed it to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and ‘Izbat Shufa. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raid/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 12:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bal’a. The Israeli army also stopped near a checkpoint set up by a Palestinian Police force and questioned officers about the checkpoint. • 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: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of ‘Azzun and the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:00, and again at 20:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of ‘Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of ‘Izbat Jal’ud and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Jayyus and ‘Azzun on the Qalqiliya-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gate: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • Settler Violence: At 13:25, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to civilian land in the village of Burqa. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • Demonstration/Attack/Injuries: At 10:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of ‘Asira al Qibliya in protest against Israeli settler violence and settlement activity. Participants planted olive seedlings on civilian land near the settlement of Yitzhar. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a child sustained a bullet wound. The Israeli army also injured 3 civilians, including 1 child, as a result of tear gas inhalation.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za’tara junction checkpoint.

	<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 Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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. At 10:00, the Israeli army installed an iron gate on the road. • Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al ‘Auja along Al-Mu’arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeded civilian access, and searched tourist buses.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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 # 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad as well as a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. (ii) Beginning at 15:30 on 11 February 2010, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu’ to the village of Khirbet al Baq’a. • Physical Assault/Detention: At 07:30, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the ‘Container’) checkpoint detained, beat, and verbally abused Raed Barakat, a Palestinian National Security officer. Israeli troops released Barakat at a later time. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the evacuated military post of ‘Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Ma’sara, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 14:20.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration/Physical Assaults:</u> At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall destruction. Having obstruction the demonstration, Israeli troops beat participants and denied their access to land under the threat of confiscation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.
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. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. • <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 road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Bab az Zawiya in the city of Hebron, occupied the roof of a building, and converted it into a military post. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided Ash Sheikh neighbourhood in the city of Hebron, occupied the roof of a house, and converted it into a military post. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> On 26 February 2010, the Israeli army distributed notices for the evacuation and demolition of a stone processing factory, 1 plant nursery, and 2 commercial premises of vehicle spare parts. All affected structures are located at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 14:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones and empty bottles at civilian houses in the area of As Sahleh in the old city of Hebron. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries:</u> At 15:50, a mass demonstration took place in the old city of Hebron in protest against the Israeli Prime Minister's decision to annex the Ibrahim Mosque and Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) to Jewish heritage sites. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	<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'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<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 is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.