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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 27 February 2009 – 08:00 28 February 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Qalqiliya
Injuries	4	—	4	4 civilians in the Ni'tin town, Ramallah
Attacks	4	—	4	During confrontations in Ramallah
Raids	24	—	24	Incl. 5 in Bethlehem and 5 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Over Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	2 in Tulkarem and 1 in Qalqiliya
Detentions	16	—	16	At checkpoints and in residential locales
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into military posts, Qalqiliya
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Jayyus in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	7	—	7	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 2 in Nablus
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	—	7	7	All crossing points closed
School Disruption	1	—	1	A school raided and searched in Jericho
Settler Violence	1	—	1	An evacuated military post accessed
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Against Wall construction in Ramallah
TOTAL	170	8	178	

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"> • <u>Closure/Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians above 45 years of age to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. In addition to flying an aerostat surveillance balloon, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. (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). • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <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.
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<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Surda. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ghassana, searched 1 house, served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 03:30. • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians. Other civilians also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in 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. • 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. • 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"> • Checkpoint: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al Far'a. (ii) At 20:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: <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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. (ii) At 19:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Izbat Nasser. (iii) At 22:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Bal'a and served summons to 5 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 10:15, Israeli troops positioned at Wall gate # 609 near the town of 'Attil arrested 2 civilians (brothers): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mu'ath Fawwaz Ibrahim Barakat; and (ii) Mus'ab Fawwaz Ibrahim Barakat. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Jayyus and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Curfew/House Occupations/Physical Assault:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus, imposed curfew, occupied 3 houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also severely beat 1 civilian and arrested another. (ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 4 houses, and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mahir Mohammed Fawzi Shamasneh in the town of Jayyus. • <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.

	<p>(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.</p>
<p>NABLUS</p>	<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. • <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 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beita and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:25, 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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. At 21:30 on 27 February 2009, the Israeli army removed these dirt barricades, but left one at the western entrance to the village. • Checkpoints: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris and patrolled the area until 13:15. (ii) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and patrolled the area until 19:30. • 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.
<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. • 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. • Raids/School Disruption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Jiftlik and raided the village's school. (ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army raided 'Ein as Sultan and 'Aqbat Jeber refugee camps in the city of Jericho, searched 4 houses, and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<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) 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.

	<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 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. (ii) At 11:40 on 27 February 2009, 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, 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 19:30. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Za'tara and the village of Ash Shawawra. (iii) At 12:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:40. (iv) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village, and searched civilians and vehicles. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. In addition, the Israeli army searched 1 house and withdrew at 18:40. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 09:30, a group of Israeli settlers accessed the debris of the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab and left the area at 10:30. • <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.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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.

- **Closure of Main Roads:**

- (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; 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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (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.
- (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.

- **Raids:**

- (i) At 10:35, and again at 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
- (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Taffuh and searched a number of houses.
- (iii) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the refugee camp again and patrolled the area until 03:15.

- **Wall Construction:** 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.

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. • <u>Violation of the Ceasefire:</u> Armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 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>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
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> <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.