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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 28th February 2012 – 08:00, 29th February 2012

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	A resident injured during clashes with Israeli forces in Jerusalem.
Physical Assault	5	—	5	Israeli forces assaulted 2 residents and 3 others while detaining them in Qalqilya.
Detention	35	—	35	5 in Qalqilya, 6 in Nablus, 5 in Salfit, 4 in Jericho and 15 in Hebron, including 1 minor and 1 security officer.
Temporary Detention	18	—	18	At checkpoints and residential areas, including a security officer.
Raids	30	—	30	3 in Ramallah, 3 in Jenin, 4 in Tubas, 1 in Qalqilya, 3 in Nablus, 4 in Salfit, 3 in Jericho, 6 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron.
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Access allowed at 3 checkpoints & impeded at 7 others.
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	2 in Jerusalem, 1 in Ramallah, 6 in Qalqilya, 3 in Nablus, 1 in Jericho, 2 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron.
Attacks	7	3	10	7 during raids, 1 from military post and 2 from naval vessels.
Provocation of Palestinian Security Forces	1	—	1	Israeli forces detained a civil defence officer at Al-Oja checkpoint in Jericho.
Confiscation of Property	26	—	26	Israeli forces seized broadcast equipment, several files, video tapes and 18 computers after storming Al-Watan Television and Al-Quds Educational Television stations in Ramallah. Israeli forces also seized an electricity generator and a water pump in Jenin in addition to seizing a stone cutting machine and an electricity supply room in Bethlehem.
Assault on Property	*2	—	2	Israeli forces damaged the main gate of Al-Quds educational Television in Ramallah and served construction halt orders for 6 homes in Salfit.
Destruction of Property	5	—	5	Israeli forces damaged the main entrance of Al-Quds educational television in Ramallah as they stormed the facility, closed 2 water wells and destroyed an agricultural storage room in Jenin. Israeli

				forces also destroyed the entrances of 2 homes in Nablus.
Wall Construction	15	—	15	3 in Jerusalem, 3 in Ramallah, 1 in Tulkarem, 3 in Qalqilya, 1 in Salfit, 3 in Bethlehem and 1 in Hebron.
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem, 1 in Jerusalem & 5 in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	66	—	66	3 in Jerusalem, 3 in Ramallah, 1 in Jenin, 4 in Tulkarem, 2 in Qalqilya, 9 in Nablus, 3 in Salfit, 1 in Jericho, 21 in Bethlehem and 19 in Hebron.
Closure of Crossings	—	4	4	Beit Hanoun crossing is open for students, businessmen and those with permits. Erez crossing is partially open for humanitarian cases, cooking gas and the export of flowers.
Settler Violence	3	—	3	Israeli settlers attacked several homes in Qalqilya, assaulted several residents and shepherds as they were herding their sheep in Yatta and stoned several homes in the Old City of Hebron.
Demonstrations	2	1	3	In solidarity with Palestinian detainees and against so-called buffer zones in Gaza.
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	Palestinian gunmen launched 1 projectile towards the Green line.
TOTAL	252	9	261	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Since January 13th 2012, the Israeli army increased its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrance to Jerusalem city, set up several flying checkpoints on the main road leading to the city entrance and the entrance to the Old City. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding occupied East Jerusalem and restricts access to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Ikhsa villages. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt mounds the entrance to Jaba’ village. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the gate along the Wall section separating the area of Dahiyat Al-Bareed from Al-Ram town. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Ikhsa village and forces civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • <u>Checkpoints:</u>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designate a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and another for those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • <u>Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, Israeli forces positioned at the northern entrance of Al-Ram fired rubber-coated steel bullets and teargas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning, injuring Ramzi Hilles while several others suffered from teargas inhalation. (ii) On the evening of February 28th 2012, Israeli forces positioned at the entrance of Anata village fired rubber-coated steel bullets and teargas grenades towards several residents for alleged stoning. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Al-Shayyah road in the area between Al-Sawahira Al-Sharqiya and Al-Sawahira Al-Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continued in the areas north and south of Qalandiya village; south of Al-Za’ayem village; and in Wadi Al-Eizariya west of the illegal settlement Ma’ale Adumim.
RAMALLAH & AL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and ‘Ein Samiya villages. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 23:10, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint near Sinjil. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:40, Israeli forces raided Ramallah and Al-Bireh cities and Al-Amary refugee camp, and clashed with residents as they searched several homes; Israeli forces also stormed Al-Watan television station and seized the broadcast equipment, several files, video tapes and 18 computers while temporarily detaining 4 TV staff. Israeli forces also stormed Al-Quds Educational Television, broke down the main entrance, seized the broadcast equipment, and detained 3 employees then withdrew at 04:35. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> At 11:00 family members of detainees marched in front of the International Red Cross headquarters in Al-Bireh city in solidarity with Palestinian detainees and demanding their release from Israeli prisons. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continued in the area west of ‘Abud town in the area surrounding the illegal settlement ‘Ofarim and north of Al-Lubban Al-Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the road leading to the town of ‘Arraba east of the illegal settlement Dotan. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:55, Israeli forces raided Zabuba village, clashed with residents and withdrew at 14:30. (ii) At 16:10, Israeli forces raided Ti’innik, sealed 2 water wells, seized a water pump and electric generator owned by Abdel-Rahman Ziyud then withdrew at 17:50. (iii) At dawn on February 29th 2012, Israeli forces raided Zibda village and demolished an agricultural storage owned by Mahmoud Hamdan. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted

	<p>special Israeli permits, which undercuts the access to education and health services for civilians living behind the Wall.</p>
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to restrict Palestinian access to the Northern Jordan Valley through the Tayasir checkpoint to between the hours of 06:00 and 22:00. • Raid: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, Israeli forces raided Al-Malah village and stormed a home. (ii) At 17:30, Israeli forces raided Al-Hadidiya village and took photographs of several barracks. (iii) At 23:15, Israeli forces raided Tayasir village, stormed 4 homes including the home of Ali Al- Dabk, a Police officer, took telephone numbers of several residents as they seized several cellular telephones then withdrew at 00:40. (iv) At 00:50, Israeli forces raided Al-Aqaba village.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the road connecting Kafr Al-Labad town to Shufa village. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues their restrictions on Palestinian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Demonstrations: At 11:00, family members of detainees marched in front of the International Red Cross headquarters in Tulkarem in solidarity with Palestinian detainees and demanding their release from Israeli prisons. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, undercutting access to education and health services for civilians living behind the Wall. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for adjustment of the Wall route continued in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route will be constructed west of the village.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli forces continue to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of Azzun (ii) In addition to closing the gate installed since the outbreak the second <i>Intifada</i>, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the eastern entrance to Kafr Qaddum village. • Flying checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Jit village junction. (ii) At 09:45 and again at 19:10, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Jinsafut village junction and detained a national security officer. (iii) At 14:05, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Hijja village. (iv) At 16:10, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint between Jayyus and Kafr Jammal village. (v) At 18:15, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint between Azzun and Kafr Thuloth. • Raid: At 18:00, Israeli forces raided Kafr Laqif village. • Settler Violence: At 12:30, a group of settlers, under the protection of Israeli forces, raided Far'ata village, attacked several homes during which Israeli forces fired stun and teargas grenades towards residents who were attempting to prevent the settler attack. Israeli forces detained and assaulted 3 residents then withdrew at 14:20. • Detention:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) As mentioned in the previous report, at 04:30 on February 28th 2012, Israeli forces detained Imad Wahdan during their raid into Qalqilya. (ii) Israeli forces detained Ma'zouz Kleib at Jinsafut village junction. (iii) Israeli forces detained Shaher Al-Tawil, Fadi Al-Tawil and his Tawfiq Al-Tawil during their raid into Far'ata. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to restrict access at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, using a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi Al-Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the gate at the entrance to the village of Ras Atiya; the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continued in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thuloth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.
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 the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osrin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osrin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to Qabalan town; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-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 between 07:00 and, 02:00 (ii) At 05:00Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are only allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00 and between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. (iii) At 09:35 and again at 18:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Shave Shomeron checkpoint and impeded the free flow of traffic until 19:30. (iv) At 13:15, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Huwara checkpoint and impeded the free flow of traffic. • <u>Flying checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Sarra village junction until 11:00. (ii) At 11:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Al-Maslakh area junction leading into the eastern neighbourhoods of Nablus until 13:20. (iii) At 16:25, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at "Yitsahar" settlement north of Huwara and impeded the free flow of traffic. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:05, Israeli forces raided Beita. (ii) At 21:30, Israeli forces raided Beit Furik, searched 2 homes, destroyed their main entrances with explosives, and detained 3 residents then withdrew at 08:00.

	<p>(iii) At 02:10, Israeli forces raided Nablus, stormed several homes and detained 3 residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli forces detained Fadi Hanani, Adly Hanani and Maysara Nassassra during their raid into Beit Furik. (ii) Israeli forces detained Alaa Al-Bakri, Awni Al-Shakhshir and Abdallah Antar during the raid into Nablus.
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 mounds the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to its farmland. (ii) Since 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has opened the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years, and at 11:00, Israeli forces closed the entrance and impeded the free flow of traffic. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> At 10:40, the Israeli army continues to restrict access at Za'tara checkpoint and impede the free flow of traffic. • <u>Raid:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00 and again at 01:20, Israeli forces raided Hares village, served orders for the halt of construction on 6 homes owned by Fadi Suf, Aziz Suf, Iyad Suf, Yasser Sultan, Jaser Sultan, and Mu'taz Suf for allegedly being built without proper licensing in Area C, which is under Israeli administrative and security control. Israeli forces also detained 2 residents and withdrew at 02:45. (ii) At 01:20, Israeli forces raided Kafil Hares and detained a resident. (iii) At 01:20, Israeli forces raided Deir Istiya and detained 2 residents. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continued in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of the illegal settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al-Oja village with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli forces continue to restrict access through Al-Hamra checkpoint set up along the road connecting Jericho and Nablus Districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho District and the Jordan Valley area. (ii) Israeli forces continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al-Ouja village, only allowing access to residents of the Jericho District and others with access permits. • <u>Raid:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, Israeli forces raided Al-Oja village, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, stormed several homes, and temporarily seized several tractors then withdrew at 12:30. (ii) At 09:30 and again at 03:40, Israeli forces raided Jericho, searched several homes, clashed with residents, and detained 4 residents then withdrew at 06:50. • <u>Detention:</u> Israeli forces detained Mohammad Al-Gharbali, a security officer, Mohammad Abu Zeina, Murad Abu Zeina and his brother Hamouda Abu Zeina during their raid into Jericho. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Security Forces:</u> At 11:05, Israeli forces positioned at Al-Oja checkpoint seized a civil defence vehicle and allowed it to pass through at a later time.

<p>BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) Since 15 September 2007, the Israel army has prevented civilians from accessing or staying on 22 <i>dunums</i> of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmed road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. (ii) Since 14:30 on January 10th 2012, the Israeli army closed a road leading to Tuqu' with dirt mounds. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Jinata. (ii) From 10:35 to 11:15, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Al-Nashash junction (the southern entrance of Bethlehem) • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:5, Israeli forces raided Al-Manshiyeh village near Taqou then withdrew at 09:30. (ii) At 09:25, Israeli forces raided KHALLET Hijah area in Beit Fajaar, stormed a stone cutting factory, seized a stone cutting machine and an electricity supply room owned by Shadi Taqatqa then withdrew at 11:50. (iii) At 13:35, Israeli forces raided Al-Abayat area, Rakhma, Eilat Ali, and Khalayel Al- Louz villages in Bethlehem then withdrew at 14:50. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continued northwest of Beit Jala town.
<p>Hebron</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Al-Shuhada' Street, Al-Sahleh and Khuzq Al-Far areas, as well as the old gold market in Hebron's Old City. In addition to closing the entrance to Al-Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an electronic gate; Al-Laban Market also remains closed. (ii) Since 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has closed the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evicted the Palestinian residents and denied them access to the area. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Al-Thahiriya and Al-Samoa' towns, Al-'Arrub refugee camp, and Al-Tuwani and Al-Karmil villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along the old Al-Shalala Street leading to Hebron's Old City. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds a detour road leading to the entrance to Al-Simiya village. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:35, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the Wadi Qaboun road north of Hebron.

	<p>(ii) At 16:00, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Al-Nabi Yunis area.</p> <p>(iii) At 17:55, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Al-Arrub refugee camp.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 04:00 on February 28th 2012, Israeli forces raided Ithna and detained 4 residents.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:25, Israeli forces raided Beit Ummar, searched several homes, and detained 5 residents then withdrew at 04:30.</p> <p>(iii) At 02:55, Israeli forces raided Al-Tabaqa village and detained 2 residents, including a minor.</p> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <p>(i) At 11:45, Israeli settlers, under the protection of Israeli forces, assaulted several residents and shepherds near Al-Twani southeast of Yatta town, as they were herding their sheep; the assault left Mutafa Rabai injured with contusions; Israeli forces detained 3 residents when they attempted to stop the settler assault then withdrew at 13:30.</p> <p>(ii) On the evening of February 28th 2012, a group of settlers stoned Mohammad Quneibi's home in Hebron's Old City.</p> • <u>Detention:</u> <p>(i) In addition to those mentioned in the previous report, at 23:30, on February 27th 2012, Israeli forces detained Sami Al-Qadhi during their raid into Hebron City.</p> <p>(ii) Israeli forces detained Mutaz Abu Jahshiya, Mohammad Abu Jahshiya, Hazem Al-Jiyawi and Naim Sleimia during their raid into Ithna.</p> <p>(iii) Israeli forces detained Yusef Al-Allamy, Nassim Al-Allamy, Malek Al-Allamy, Hassan Al-Allamy and his brother Mohammad Al-Allamy during their raid into Beit ummar.</p> <p>(iv) Israeli forces detained Mohammad Mtteir (16 years) and Ibrahim Amro during their raid into Al-Tabaqa village.</p> <p>(v) Israeli forces detained Nasser Al-Adra, Fadel Al-Rabaa and Salah Makhamra near Al-Twani village.</p> • <u>Temporary Detention:</u> At 11:00, Israeli forces temporarily detained 2 cleaning staff and Lena Abu Haykal in Hebron City then released them at a later time. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continued in the area surrounding the illegal settlement Eshkolot, west of Al-Thahiriya town.
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by Israel came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 30 October 2011 at 22:00. • On 14.12.2011, Israeli forces placed floating marks 3 miles from Gaza's seashore and warned fishermen against pass beyond the mark. • Israeli forces broke the ceasefire agreement by opening fire from their positions behind the Green Line towards North Gaza while Israeli naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores of Central Gaza and Rafah. • Palestinian gunmen launched 1 projectile towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) is open for humanitarian assistance, journalists and international access. • Attack: At 11:50, Israel forces from their positions behind the Green Line opened fire and fired teargas grenades towards several Palestinian and international peace activists marching towards the Beit Hanun crossing to protest the Israeli so-called buffer zones, which Israel has imposed 300 meters deep into the Gaza Strip, which bars Palestinian farmers from reaching their agricultural land in those zones. • Palestinian Attack: Palestinian gunmen launched 1 projectile towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed following a unilateral Israeli decision. (ii) Al-Shija'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed following a unilateral Israeli decision.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: On the morning of February 26th 2012, Israeli naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores Deir Al-Balah.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. • Rafah (<i>Al 'Awdah</i>) Crossing is open for the exit of patients, students and passengers with permits. • Sufa Crossing is closed. • Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is open for the entry of humanitarian supplies, cooking gas, 20 truckloads of wheat, construction material for internationally funded projects and the export of 2 shipments of flowers. • Attack: At 18:00 on February 27th 2012, Israeli naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores of Rafah.