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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 28 February 2005 – 08:00 01 March 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. child severely beaten in Hebron
Injury	1	—	1	1 child in Sa'ir in Hebron
Attacks	5	5	10	Incl. 1 during raids & 6 from posts
Raids	26	2	28	Incl. 11 in Ramallah & 6 in Tulkarem
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Over the area of Ash Sha'rawiya
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 1 university student
Detentions	11	1	12	Incl. in residential compounds
House Demolition	*	—	—	* 1 notice in Wadi Fukin
Land Levelling	—	2	2	In Khan Yunis and Rafah
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Incl. 1 vehicle destroyed in 'Arraba
Land Confiscation	6	—	6	Incl. 2,600 <i>dunums</i> in Beit Surik
Curfews	2	—	2	Bil'in and Kharbatha Bani Harith
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 4 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem and Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	Incl. 3 partially open
Construction of Mil. Posts	1	—	1	1 watchtower in Ras Rummana
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. open fire towards Kiryat Sever
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	1	Attempt to launch 1 mortar foiled
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Beit Surik against the Wall
TOTAL	109	16	125	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 11 November 2004, the Israeli army has imposed a total closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat.
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya, and in the section of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samuel checkpoints, obstructing civilian movement. Land Confiscation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army distributed military orders to civilians in the village of Jaba' ruling for the confiscation of 900 <i>dunums</i> (225 acres) of land belonging to the village for Wall construction. The Israeli army also confiscated an additional 100 <i>dunums</i> (25 acres) for expansion of a settler bypass road. The Israeli army distributed notices to civilians in the village of Beit Surik ruling for the confiscation of 2,600 <i>dunums</i> (650 acres) of land belonging to the village for Wall construction. Demonstration: A mass demonstration took place in the village of Beit Surik near the land levelling site for Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army severely beat a number of civilians. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians, including the head of Beit Surik Village Council.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 13:00, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint on 'Atara overpass and another flying checkpoint near the settlement of Halamish and prevented civilians from reaching their workplaces and houses, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.

	<p>(ii) At 17:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.</p> <p>(iii) At 23:05, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Ras Karkar and Deir Ibzi', searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 09:20, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 university student. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah. At 17:00, 23:45, and at 00:55, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled several neighbourhoods.</p> <p>(iii) At 20:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, fired flares in the area surrounding the village, and withdrew at 23:50.</p> <p>(iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma and searched a number of houses.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Ramallah: <p>(i) Abdullah 'Izzat Qur'an;</p> <p>(ii) Taysir Farouq Al Liftawi; and</p> <p>(iii) Usamah Subhi Ash Shawwa.</p> • <u>Palestinian Attack/Curfew:</u> At 21:45, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the vicinity of the village of Bil'in towards the settlement of Kiryat Sever, after which the Israeli army raided the villages of Saffa, Bil'in, and Kharbatha Bani Harith. The Israeli army fired flares, searched a number of houses after forcing their residents to evacuate, and detained them outside. The Israeli army also imposed curfew over the villages of Bil'in and Kharbatha Bani Harith.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Destruction of Property:</u> <p>(i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Arraba and destroyed 1 vehicle loaded with orange cargo (using explosives), allegedly for suspecting that it was loaded with explosives. The Israeli army also set up a flying checkpoint along the road leading to the town of Ya'bad and prevented civilians from entering the town. At 20:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Tubas and the village of 'Aqqaba, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and obstructed civilian movement. At 22:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close ‘Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. The Israeli army also continues to close the roads to the villages of Shufa and Saffarin with dirt barricades. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Checkpoints: At 08:45, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoints set up around the city of Tulkarem, obstructing civilian movement. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Dahiyat Irtah, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians’ IDs, and prevented civilians from exiting the city of Tulkarem. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Seida and patrolled the area until 11:00. (ii) At 10:40, the Israeli army, including 2 vehicles, raided the towns of ‘Attil and Deir Al Ghusun and patrolled the area until 11:40. (iii) At 19:25, the Israeli army, including 4 tanks, raided the city of Tulkarem and fired sound grenades. The Israeli army also set up 2 checkpoints near Shuweika and As Salaam roundabouts, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement. At 21:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 20:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Izbat Shufa and patrolled the area until 22:10. (v) At 21:00, Israeli infantry forces raided Dahiyat Iktaba, deployed in the woods opposite Nur Shams refugee camp, and withdrew at 22:00. • Air Patrol: At 11:10, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area of Ash Sha’rawiya. • Construction of Military Posts: At 15:15, the Israeli army erected a military watchtower in the area of Ras Rummana along the road to the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Immatin, Jit, and Jinsafut, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. • Raid: At 20:20, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Azzun and arrested 3 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of ‘Azzun:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Shadi Fayez Shafiq; (ii) Ahmed Fawwaz; and (iii) Thaer Rushdi 'Adwan.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched a number of houses in the old city of Nablus, and patrolled several neighbourhoods until 04:30.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut near the Green Line. (ii) Based on a claim filed by the Municipality of Salfit, Iskaka Village Council, and civilian landowners, the Israeli Supreme Court issued a decision ruling for the suspension of Wall construction west of the village of Iskaka and north of city of Salfit for a period of 21 days beginning on 10 February 2005. • Flying Checkpoint: At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Az Zawiya, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and obstructed civilian movement. • Raid: At 12:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled several neighbourhoods.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army only permitted residents of the city of Jericho to enter the city.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. • Physical Assault: At 23:50, Israeli troops positioned at Gilo checkpoint severely beat and injured Mustafa 'Odeh, after which he was transported to hospital. • Raids/House Demolition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) An Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Wadi Fukin and distributed notices to a number of civilians to demolish 1 house and 3 water wells.

HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues west of the towns of Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Yatta and As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Surif, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • Attack: At 20:30, the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets towards civilians at the entrance to the town of Sa'ir, injuring 16-year-old Abdul Karim Jaradat. • Physical Assault: Israeli troops severely beat 14-year-old 'Awni Ali Al Ja'bari in the city of Hebron, leaving him with bruises. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya and searched a number of houses. (ii) At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta, searched a number of houses, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Abu Zahrah in the town of Yatta. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army issued orders to confiscate 119 <i>dunums</i> (29.75 acres) of land belonging to 'Arab Ar Ramadin, 1,104 <i>dunums</i> (276 acres) belonging to the town of As Samoa', and 170 <i>dunums</i> (42.5 acres) belonging to the towns of Yatta and As Samoa' for Wall construction.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. (iii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is partially open. However, the Israeli army does not allow vehicles transporting gas from crossing. • Attack: At 11:05, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 167 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of Gaza city.

<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 20:40, Palestinian National Security forces prevented armed Palestinian individuals from launching 1 mortar from the area surrounding Wadi Gaza towards the settlement of Nitsareem and seized the mortar.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road is open. At 10:00, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints. At 10:30, the road was reopened. (v) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (vi) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vii) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 11:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 35 towards neighbouring Palestinian territory. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 13:25, an Israeli army bulldozer raided 50 meters into Palestinian territory and levelled land opposite Point 131 on the Green Line east of the city of Khan Yunis. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 01:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired from the area of Ad Delta near Al Amal refugee camp. The mortar fell on an unidentified area.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory around the airport east of the city of Rafah. (ii) At 08:00 on 01 March 2005, the Israeli army opened fire from the military post in Tall Zu'rub towards Palestinian territory south of the city of Rafah. (iii) At 08:00 on 01 March 2005, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 4 towards Palestinian territory to the north. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 08:00 on 01 March 2005, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory opposite Point 6 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border and levelled land.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Israeli Army Measures Against Female Political Prisoners:</u> Female political prisoners held in Talmond Prison are subjected to harsh imprisonment conditions. Israeli Police forces severely beat female prisoners, using electric clubs, injuring 1 female prisoner. The prison administration also deprives female prisoners from family visits and from going out to the prison yard. Female prisoners are also penalised with financial fines. • <u>Life-Sentence Imprisonment:</u> Israeli authorities issued a life sentence against Jihad Ramadan Ar Rujoub, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 9,878 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 674 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, 450 workers (approximately 67% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 1,129 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, 978 workers (approximately 87% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.