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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 28 February 2006 – 08:00 01 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 school guard severely beaten, Arura
Injury	1	—	1	Near Kfar 'Etzion settlement, Hebron
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 4 from posts & 3 by naval boats
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. 7 in Ramallah & 2 in Salfit
Air Patrols	1	1	2	Incl. troops dispatched by a helicopter
Arrests	8	3	11	Incl. 4 children & 1 female civilian
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. family members in 1 room
Land Levelling	1	—	1	In the vicinity of Yatta town, Hebron
Wall Construction	29	—	29	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	A civilian's ID card in Ramallah
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Files from an office in Ramallah
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post, Beit Einun
Closure of Checkpoints	3	—	3	Incl. Einav & Ein Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	23	—	23	Incl. northern entrance to Bruqin
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Settlement Activity	1	—	1	Civil Administration office to be built
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	1	1	Shelling near Pal. security posts
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. open fire towards DCO office
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	1 illegal vehicle handed over
TOTAL	130	16	146	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kafr Ni'ma and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Abu Shukheidim and Al Mazra'a al Qibliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Kharbatha al Misbah and prevented civilian vehicles from accessing the city of Ramallah. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Physical Assault/Destruction/Confiscation of Property/Air Patrol: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bir Zeit. (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Arura, severely beat the guard of the village's school, and damaged his ID card.

	<p>(iii) At 23:00, Israeli troops, dispatched by an Israeli army combat helicopter, raided the area between the towns of Abu Shukheidim and al Mazra'a al Qibliya, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli troops also combed the area.</p> <p>(iv) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid.</p> <p>(v) At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 32 jeeps, raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh and the town of Beituniya. The Israeli army opened fire while raiding 1 building in the city of Ramallah, searched 1 office, and confiscated a number of files. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Ramallah, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raid:</u> At 04:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 27 February 2006, the Israeli army arrested Nidhal Basem Milhem, a Palestinian National Security officer, while he was attending his brother's trial session at the Military Court of Salim Interrogation and Detention Centre. (ii) At 05:20, the Israeli army arrested 16-year-old Mu'men Jamal Tahayneh near Salim Interrogation and Detention Centre, while he was searching for ammunition left by the Israeli army on a training site near the Detention Centre.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus, denying access to civilian vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of Beit Lid, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the junction to the town of Beit Lid arrested Mohammed Abdul Fattah Sabatin. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 02:50, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the DCO offices west of the city of Tulkarem. Consequently, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire towards civilian houses and fired flares over the western quarters of the city.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of ‘Azzun with dirt barricades. • <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya.
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 main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to set up an iron gate on the road connecting the town of Jamma’in to the village of Zeita. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raid:</u> At 21:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beita. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Badhan road arrested Sami Younes Suheil.
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 the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya and the village of Haris.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the north-western entrance to the town of Bruqin with an iron gate. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards the town of Kafr ad Dik. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 21:30. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis. (iii) At 08:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access in both directions. • Flying Checkpoint/Detention: At 11:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilian vehicles, detained Rizq Ibrahim as Sawarkah, and released him at a later time. • Raid: At 19:05, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 14:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) in the area between the cities of Bethlehem and Jerusalem, after arresting 1 female civilian. The Israeli army reopened the checkpoint at a later time. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Raid:</u> At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:10 on 27 February 2006, the Israeli army arrested 'Isa Mohammed Taqatqah during its raid on the town of Beit Fajjar, in addition to those reported yesterday. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) between the cities of Bethlehem and Jerusalem arrested an unidentified female civilian. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed 'Abed al Hadi Taqatqah during its raid on the town of Beir Fajjar.
<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 with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul, the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron, the junction to the area of Farsh al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Dura and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road to the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned near the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion opened fire towards and injured 1 civilian, after he stabbed an Israeli soldier. Israeli troops also arrested the injured civilian. • <u>Raids/House Occupation/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the area of Bir al Mahjar. (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Einun, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post after detaining residents in 1 room. The Israeli army also prevented the house residents from bringing an infant from the 2nd floor until 10:25. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned near the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion arrested Bilal Ibrahim an Najjar. • <u>Settlement Activity/Land Levelling:</u> The Israeli army began levelling a piece of land in the area of Khallet al Mayyeh belonging to the town of Yatta for construction of a branch office of the Israeli Civil Administration.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army partially eased the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army allowed 2,717 workers to cross into areas inside the Green Line.
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NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, humanitarian cases, and workers. • Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: Between 24:00 and 08:00, the Israeli army fired 22 artillery shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 5 Palestinian National Security locations northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • Palestinian Attack: At 19:00, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 21:30, an Israeli naval boat opened fire and fired a number of mortars on territorial waters opposite the beach of Gaza city, ostensibly for training purposes.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Patrol: At 18:15, Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory opposite Kessufim gate on the Green Line southeast of the city of Deir al Balah. • Arrests: At 22:20, the Israeli army arrested 3 children while they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line near Point 128 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Siyam Hamarneh, 17 years old; (ii) Abdul Fattah Hamarneh, 17 years old; and (iii) Yihya Hajjaj, 17 years old.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 02:15, an Israeli army naval boat opened fire towards 1 Palestinian fishing boat on territorial waters opposite the beach of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 6,894 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • Gaza Strip: The Israeli authorities renewed 4,917 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, only 2,717 workers (approximately 55% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.
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