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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 01 March 2005 – 08:00 02 March 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. 1 civilian severely beaten
Injury	1	—	1	1 civilian near 'Einav gate
Attacks	5	3	8	Incl. 3 during raids & 3 from posts
Raids	20	1	21	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 5 in Nablus
Air Patrols	2	—	2	Over Asira Ash Shamaliya & Talluza
Arrests (per person)	9	—	9	Incl. 1 child and 1 Police officer
Detentions	8	—	8	Incl. 11 judges in Jerusalem
Land Levelling	2	1	3	Incl. agricultural land in Silwan
Wall Construction	19	—	19	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	4	—	4	Incl. olive trees in Kafr Thulth
Curfews	2	—	2	In Salim and Fasayil
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 3 in Hebron
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
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. open fire near 'Einav gate
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. 1 unidentified mortar
TOTAL	98	10	108	

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 Samwil checkpoints, obstructing civilian movement. Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> On 28 February 2005, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Khaled Sufian, the head of Beit Surik Village Council, following the confrontations which took place between the Israeli army and civilians protesting land levelling for Wall construction in the village of Beit Surik. At 10:40, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Hassan 'Ubaid Allah in the city of Jerusalem. Detention: The Israeli army detained 11 judges, including Chief Judge Mohammed Taysir At Tamimi, and led them to Al Muscobiya (the Russian Compound) Interrogation Centre, before releasing them. Land Levelling: The Israeli army, accompanied by bulldozers belonging to the Development of East Jerusalem Company, levelled land cultivated with fruit bearing trees in the neighbourhood of Silwan in the city of Jerusalem.
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 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the

	<p>villages of Deir Ghassana and Kafr ‘Ein, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians’ IDs, and withdrew at 10:20.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. (iii) At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Saffa, searched civilians’ IDs, and prevented civilians from entering the villages. (iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Ni’ma and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ras Karkar and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on ‘Atara overpass, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:40, the Israeli army, including 2 vehicles, raided the city of Ramallah and patrolled the area. (ii) At 22:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Bir Zeit. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also patrolled the area. (iii) At 01:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr ‘Ein and patrolled the area until 03:05. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> At 01:25, the Israeli army prevented Palestinian Civil Defence vehicles from accessing the town of Ar Ram to extinguish fire that was set to a building in the town. The fire squad was only allowed to enter after the DCO intervened, which led to the multiplication of the damages, which could have been minimised, had the Israeli army allowed the vehicles to enter.
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>Raid:</u> At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Al Yamun, searched 1 blacksmith’s workshop, and withdrew at 06:00.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close ‘Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> At 16:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint, south of the city of Tulkarem, and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of Ras Rumman near the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 13:00. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:25, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of 'Attil and patrolled the area until 22:00. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of 'Anabta and fired sound grenades. • <u>Arrests:</u> At dawn on 01 March 2005, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the towns of 'Illar and 'Attil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mohammed Fateh Kharouf; and (iii) 'Adel Adib Abu Daqqah. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 07:15, an Israeli settler opened fire near 'Einav gate towards Mohammed Samih Abu Bakr, injuring him.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of 'Azzun and Jayyus, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • <u>Raid:</u> At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth, opened intensive fire in the town of 'Azzun, and arrested 1 civilian in the same town. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ashraf Ishteiwi in the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> The Israeli army levelled land cultivated with olive trees in the town of Kafr Thulth.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:55, Israeli troops raided the area between the villages of Beit Imrin and Yasid, after an Israeli army helicopter dispatched them, and combed the area. (ii) At 19:10, Israeli troops raided the area between the town of 'Asira Ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza, after an Israeli army helicopter dispatched them, and combed the area. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the village of Salim, imposed curfew, and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child. (iv) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Talfit and searched a number of houses. (v) At 06:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira Ash Shamaliya and patrolled the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Salim: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Nasuh Ishtayyeh, 17 years old; and (ii) Rafe' Rushdi Ishtayyeh. • Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Itamar raided 'Ein 'Ulim Rehabilitation Project in the town of Beita and forced the contractor, along with his workers, to leave their work site at gun point, thereby impeding progress of the project. • Palestinian Attack: At 20:40, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire from the area surrounding the village of Kafr Qalil towards 'Awarta checkpoint.
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 the city of Salfit for a period of 21 days beginning on 10 February 2005. • Flying Checkpoints/Physical Assault/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:10, 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. At 13:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Yasuf and Marda, detained 1 civilian vehicle, and severely beat the driver after damaging his vehicle. At 17:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Raid: At 19:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the villages of Khirbet Qeis and Farkha and patrolled the area until 20:45.
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. • Raid/Curfew: At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Fasayil and imposed curfew. • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up in the area of Ad Duyuk arrested Omar Mohammed Ka'abneh, a Palestinian Police officer.
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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raids/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint on Al Balou' junction, and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:30. (ii) At 22:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the area of Al 'Ubayyat in the city of Bethlehem, opened indiscriminate fire, and severely beat 1 civilian, after which he was transported to hospital for injuries sustained. • Detention: At 09:20, Israeli troops positioned near the settlement of Daniel detained Ahmed As'ad, while he was ploughing his grove near the settlement, and released him at 21:30.
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. • Raids/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 3 checkpoints along Qarn Ath Thor, 'Ein Sarah, and As Salam Streets and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and arrested 1 civilian, after severely beating him. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Iyad Thib Abu Qbeitah in the town of Yatta.

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.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Attack: At 19:00, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem, but landed at sea.

KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</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) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis’ eastern and western roads, is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 14 towards civilian houses in the area of Qizan An Najjar. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its location at Point 169 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of ‘Abasan.
RAFAH	<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>Attack:</u> At 17:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp. • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 12:00, an Israeli army bulldozer raided Palestinian territory opposite Point 6.5 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border and levelled land.