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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 01 March 2007 – 08:00 02 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Incursion	1	—	**1**	Into the city of Nablus
Attacks	4	2	**6**	Incl. 2 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	30	—	**30**	Incl. 6 in Ramallah and 7 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	**1**	Troops dispatched by a combat helicopter
Arrests	12	—	**12**	Incl. 2 university students
Detentions	17	—	**17**	At checkpoints 7 in residential compounds
House Demolitions	*	—	—	*Notices to demolish 4 houses, Hebron
Wall Construction	26	—	**26**	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	**1**	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
House Occupation	1	—	**1**	Converted into a military post, Tulkarem
Curfew	1	—	**1**	Over the old city of Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	17	—	**17**	Incl. 2 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	24	—	**24**	Incl. 6 in Jenin and 4 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	—	**6**	Incl. Jerusalem and Tulkarem partially
Closure of Main Roads	32	—	**32**	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem & 11 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	**6**	Incl. Beit Hanun and Sufa partially
Palestinian Attacks	1	3	**4**	Incl. fire opened towards a settler vehicle
TOTAL	**174**	**11**	**185**	

DISTRICT	EVENT

WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	• 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. At 24:00, the Israeli army imposed a complete closure over the West Bank districts due to the Purim holiday and prevented civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line and entering the city of Jerusalem. The closure will last until 24:00 on 05 March 2007.
JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and prevent civilians from accessing the mosque, only allowing access to female civilians and civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs who are above 45 years of age. This Israeli measure aims to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. • **Checkpoint:** 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. • **Wall Gates:** (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. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud, in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin, Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis, and in the town of Beituniya. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Ein 'Arik and Deir Ibzi' and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih, searched civilians and vehicles, and served summons to a number of civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • **Raids:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army also served a summons to another civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 11:10, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. At 00:10, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 01:40. (iii) At 22:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beit Rima as well as the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 01:40. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Tamir 'Atallah 'Awadh, 23 years old, in the village of Kafr Malik.
JENIN	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and the other in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya, and searched civilians and vehicles.

	(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jalama and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Al Kufeir and 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the city of Jenin and the town of Az Zababida and the other on the junction to the village of Ash Shuhada', and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and patrolled the area. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Ghazala. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened intensive fire. At 07:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, and the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Air Patrol/House Occupation:** (i) At 00:45, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided the area of the town of 'Anabta's plain, set up a checkpoint along the road to the town of Bal'a, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At dawn, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of Deir al Ghusun, occupied a building under construction, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time.
QALQILIYA	• **Closure:** At 13:15, the Israeli army closed with checkpoints the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and denied access to civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs. The Israeli army also announced that it will continue to deny access to these civilians until 04 March 2007. • **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks

	the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.
	• **Wall Gates:**
	(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.
	• **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.
	• **Flying Checkpoints:**
	(i) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and denied civilian access in both directions, after locating a number of Molotov cocktails at the town's entrance.
	(ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army continues to set up these 2 flying checkpoints as of 08:00 this morning.
	(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Kafr Laqif along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• **Raid/Palestinian Attack:** At 13:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards an Israeli settler vehicle near the city's eastern entrance. At 16:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:**
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
	• **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
	(i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, thereby impeding their access.
	(ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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 neighbourhood only.
	(iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.

	(iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
	• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 19:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Jamma'in, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.
	• **Incursion/Curfew:** Beginning at 02:40 on 28 February 2007, the Israeli army remained positioned in the city of Nablus and continued to impose curfew over the old city of Nablus. The Israeli army also searched 3 buildings, after forcing residents to evacuate. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 11:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	• **Raid/Attack:** At 12:50, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 15 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and fired sound grenades, while patrolling the area.
	• **Arrests:**
	(i) At 11:10, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Suleiman Abdul Kareem 'Odeh.
	(ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of Jamma'in arrested Ramzi Abdul Salam Ibdah.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:**
	(i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	• **Checkpoints:**
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to 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 in the area 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:**
	(i) At 08:15, and again at 17:25, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit.
	(ii) At 18:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris, set up a checkpoint in the area between the town and village, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 18:50.
	(iii) At 19:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Marda. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.

JERICHO	**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 connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. **Flying Checkpoint:** At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. **Arrest:** At 15:30, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested Mkhallad Taleb Ahmed Sweidat.
BETHLEHEM	**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. **Closure of Main Roads:** 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. **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. **Raids:** (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. At 03:40, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 3 jeeps, raided the town again, arrested 4 civilians, and withdrew at 04:00. (ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 05:00. (iii) At 06:05, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the area of Al Karkafeh in the city of Bethlehem, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 07:00. **Arrests:** (i) Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Mohammed Jabr Abu 'Awwad, a university student. The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Al Khadr: (ii) Mohammed Adib Mousa; (iii) Khaled Saleem Salah; (iv) Ahmed Ibrahim 'Isa; and (v) Ahmed Ibrahim Ghneim.

	The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the area of Al Karkafeh in the city of Bethlehem: (vi) Iyad Abdul Khaleq Qaraeqe'; and (vii) Mu'tassem Abdul Khaleq Qaraqe'.
HEBRON	• **Closure:** (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. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: 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; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along 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. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of As Samoa' and Yatta and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zif and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 11:45, and again at 00:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.

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(ii)   At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.

(iii)   At 20:20, Israeli army infantry forces raided Abu Sneineh neighbourhood in the city of Hebron and searched a number of houses.

(iv)   At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the towns of Yatta and Ar Rihiya.

(v)   At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and arrested 1 university student.

- **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Fahmi 'Arar in the town of Beit Ummar.
- **House Demolitions:** At 21:20 on 03 February 2007, the Israeli army distributed notices for demolition of 4 houses in the town of Idhna, claiming that they are in close proximity to the Wall. The affected houses belong to:

(i)   Husam Yaseen al Jayyawi;

(ii)   Shihadeh Nimer al Jayyawi;

(iii)   Bassam Yaseen al Jayyawi; and

(iv)   Mahmoud Hasan al Jayyawi.

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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	- The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 2 occasions. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	- **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open only to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases. At 16:30, the Israeli army closed the Crossing, only allowing access to diplomats, foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and journalists due to the Purim holiday. The Crossing will be closed until 24:00 on 05 March 2007. - **Attacks:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 10:45, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 25 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Beit Hanun. (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from the area near Point 64 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near a sponge factory east of the town of Jabalya. - **Palestinian Attack:** At 12:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	- **Closure of Crossing Point:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.

CENTRAL GAZA	• **Palestinian Attack:** At 21:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
KHAN YUNIS	• Activities not reported.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is open for transportation of construction cargo only. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 16:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.