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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 02 March 2007 – 08:00 03 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	23	—	23	Incl. 5 children
Attacks	11	1	12	Incl. 2 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	17	3	20	Incl. 7 in Jenin and 2 in Rafah
Arrests	5	—	5	Incl. 1 child and 2 civilians (brothers)
Detentions	15	—	15	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Near the Green Line east of Rafah city
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Closure of Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 3 in Jenin and 3 in Tulkarem
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 (Erez) partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Forces demanded not to leave positions
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Against Wall in Bethlehem & Ramallah
TOTAL	140	9	149	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Beginning at 24:00 on 01 March 2007, the Israeli army has also continued to impose a complete closure over the West Bank districts due to the Purim holiday and prevent 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.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and prevented civilians from accessing the mosque to perform Friday prayers, only allowing access to civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs who are above 50 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. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers along main streets, roads, and in the area surrounding the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bared to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • <u>Raids/Attacks/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:10, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the entrance to Qalandiya refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injuring 11 civilians, including 2 children. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Al ‘Eizariya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Beit Rima and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Rima: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Taha Nazih ar Reemawi; and (ii) Mohammed Ala’ Shawar. • <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injury:</u> A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil’in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injuring 7 civilian protestors, including 3 children.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints, 2 on the junctions to the towns of 'Arraba and Jaba' and 1 in the area of As Suweitat east of the city of Jenin, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Az Zababida as well as the villages of Jalqamus and Al Mughayyir. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Meithalun. (iii) At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and the outskirts of Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the area, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 02:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 civilians.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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). • <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 09:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and the other on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Kafr Ra'i and 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 22:00, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO offices west of the city of Tulkarem opened intensive fire indiscriminately towards the western cemetery in the city, after fireworks were thrown at the DCO offices.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beginning at 13:15 on 01 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to close with checkpoints the eastern and southern entrances to the city of Qalqiliya and deny 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. • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 was suspended for the weekend in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Sanniriya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and searched a number of houses. At 20:45, the Israeli army raided the town again. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, 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 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and ‘Askar refugee camp, after having demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. In the old city of Nablus, the

	<p>Israeli army also opened fire, injuring 2 civilians. In addition, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians (brothers) and withdrew at 05:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 23:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil and searched 1 house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Imad Mansour; and (ii) Nihad Mansour.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <i>Intifada</i> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 was suspended for the weekend 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.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
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. • 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 was suspended for the weekend 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. • Attack: At 12:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) opened fire towards civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. Israeli troops also arrested 1 child.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) arrested 'Uday Mit'eb Abdul Fattah, 16 years old. • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:50, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Fajjar. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the towns' entrance and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:00. • <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injury:</u> A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Um Salamuna in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, Israeli troops positioned at a military post opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 1 occasion. In addition, the Israeli army carried 3 raids into Palestinian territory, during one of which it levelled land.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open. Beginning at 16:30 on 01 March 2007, the Israeli army has continued to close the Crossing, only allowing access to diplomats, foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and journalists due to the Purim holiday. The Crossing will be closed until the morning of 04 March 2007.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attack: At 08:10, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 169 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. Raid: At 08:20, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 148 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah Crossing is open. At 09:00, the Crossing was opened to civilian passengers until 17:00. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Raids/Land Levelling: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 09:30, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory east of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of Gaza city. At 12:50, the Israeli army, including 3 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 100 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 194 on the Green Line north of Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah, levelled land, and withdrew at 14:00.