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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	5	—	**5**	Incl. 3 young civilians beaten in Hebron
Injury	1	—	**1**	1 child near Al Jalazun RC, Ramallah
Attacks	8	3	**11**	Incl. 8 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	20	2	**22**	Incl. 9 in Salfit and 1 in Central Gaza
Arrests	3	—	**3**	Incl. 1 Palestinian Police officer in Salfit
Detentions	11	—	**11**	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	1	1	**2**	Incl. on 'Ibal Mount in the city of Nablus
Wall Construction	26	—	**26**	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
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. 2 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	—	7	**7**	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settlement Activity	1	—	**1**	A road constructed and mil. post fortified
Settler Violence	1	—	**1**	Civilian houses attacked in Hebron
TOTAL	**143**	**13**	**156**	

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. Beginning at 24:00 on 01 March 2007, the Israeli army has imposed a complete closure over the West Bank districts due to the Purim holiday and has 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 was resumed 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.

	• **Physical Assault:** At 21:30, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint severely beat Shadi Ali Mohammed Hasasneh, a Palestinian National Security officer.
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 was resumed 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 Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Injury:** The Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets near Al Jalazun refugee camp, injuring Ahmed Mohammed Hasan in the head. At 19:20, Hasan was admitted to Ramallah Public Hospital for medical treatment.
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:** 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. • **Raid/Attack:** At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Dan and opened fire, while patrolling 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 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the unpaved detour road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack:** At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew.
QALQILIYA	• **Closure:** 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 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 was resumed in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoint/Attack:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint also opened indiscriminate fire, allegedly because children threw stones at the checkpoint. • **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. (ii) At 00:30, Israeli army infantry forces raided the southern quarter of the city of Qalqiliya and fire flares.
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, 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.
	(v) At 01:00, the Israeli army reinforced its presence at Beit Iba checkpoint (the western entrance to the city of Nablus) as well as at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik. Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint also fired flares over the area.
	• **Raids/Attack:**
	(i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and fired sound grenades, while patrolling the area.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Sharaf.
	• **Arrest:** At 16:00, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested Mazen Mohammed Abu Maryam.
	• **Settlement Activity:** The Israeli army began levelling land on 'Ibal Mount north of the city of Nablus for construction of a road and fortification of the military post set up on the Mount.
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 was resumed 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.
	• **Flying Checkpoints:**
	(i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles.

	(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Yasuf and Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the villages of Khirbet Qeis and 'Ammuriya. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Iskaka and opened indiscriminate fire, after a number of young civilians threw stones at a group of Israeli settlers near the village. (iii) At 15:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Salfit. (iv) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Haris. (v) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Bruqin. (vi) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris. (vii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ballut. • **Arrest:** At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint arrested Baha' Salameh, a Palestinian Police officer.
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. • **Raid:** At 20:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Al 'Auja and searched 1 house. • **Arrest:** At 22:40, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested Khalil Mohammed Mousa 'Ubayyat.
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 was resumed 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. • **Physical Assault:** Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint severely beat Shihab Abdullah Shqeirah. At 23:25, Shqeirah was admitted to Beit Jala Public Hospital for medical treatment.

	• **Raid:** At 23:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al 'Ubeidiya.
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 was resumed 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 Checkpoint:** At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Physical Assaults:** At 18:10, the Israeli army beat 3 young civilians, while they were playing football near the Wall in the vicinity of the town of Beit 'Awwa. The Israeli army also served summons to the 3 young civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • **Raids:** At 16:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Bir al Mahjar, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. • **Settler Violence:** At 16:00, a group of Israeli settlers attacked civilian houses in the village of Safa north of the town of Beit Ummar. The Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the area.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 3 occasions. The Israeli army also carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, during one of which it levelled land.
NORTHERN GAZA	• **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 due to the Purim holiday, only allowing access to diplomats, foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and journalists. The Crossing will be closed until the morning of 04 March 2007. • **Raid:** At 16:00, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory near the Green Line northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 16:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Attack:** At 17:30, the Israeli army fired a number of tank shells from its locations inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • **Raid:** At 09:50, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 119 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp and levelled land. At 11:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
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 closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • **Attacks:** At 21:10, and again at 22:30, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	**West Bank:** The Israeli authorities renewed 6,148 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:** Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 9. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (9) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.