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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 March 2007 – 08:00 05 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	1 civilian of injuries sustained, Nablus
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. a civilian's arm broken in Jerusalem
Injury	1	—	1	A 55-year-old female civilian in Salfit
Attacks	9	2	11	Incl. 4 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	30	2	32	Incl. 9 in Jenin and 6 in Hebron
Arrests	7	2	9	Incl. 3 in Nablus & 2 in Central Gaza
Detentions	18	—	18	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Near the Green Line in Central Gaza
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. doors of charitable society destroyed
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	Files from a charity in the Hebron district
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Offices of a charitable association raided
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Al Jalama in Jenin
Closure of Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 8 in Jenin
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	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Settler Violence	1	—	1	1 civilian beaten on his land in Nablus
Palestinian Attacks	2	—	2	Incl. fire opened towards a checkpoint
TOTAL	174	12	186	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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 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.
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<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<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. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) 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. (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. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army severely beat Baseem ‘Abed Suleiman Jbour in the town of Ar Ram, breaking his left arm. Jbour was transported to Ramallah Public Hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 23:00 on 03 March 2007, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba’ arrested Ala’ Abu ‘Atiyyeh, a civilian resident of Al Am’ari refugee camp, allegedly for locating a knife in his possession.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Kafr ‘Ein and An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:15. • <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:15, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah as well as searched 2 buildings and 1 house, after detaining residents. (ii) The Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and searched 1 house.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<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> The Israeli army set up 6 flying checkpoints: at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin; on the junctions to the towns ‘Arraba and Az Zababida; in the areas between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya and between the town of Jaba’ and the village of ‘Ajja; and at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Palestinian Attack/Curfew/Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Jalqamus. (ii) At 18:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Jalama, after armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village. The Israeli army also imposed curfew, set up checkpoints at the village’s entrances, and searched civilians and vehicles. In addition, the Israeli army combed the area and withdrew at 20:30. (iii) At 20:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al Far’a and patrolled the area. (iv) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas and the village of Al ‘Aqaba. (v) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. In Jenin refugee camp, armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli army jeep. Consequently, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (vi) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and patrolled the area until 06:10. (vii) The Israeli army raided the village of Jalbun and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Tareq Abu Rub in the village of Jalbun.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of ‘Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area until 03:15.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<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 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. • <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 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 northern entrance to the town of ‘Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack/Injuries:</u> At 17:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall in An Naqqar neighbourhood in the city of Qalqiliya opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards a number of children, ostensibly for throwing stones. As a result, 2 civilians sustained injuries due to tear gas inhalation. • <u>Raid:</u> At 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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, 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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Death: Ragheb Abdul Ghani Salhab died at Nablus Public Hospital of injuries sustained as a result of tear gas inhalation, while he was in his house during the Israeli army's incursion into the city of Nablus, as was reported on 27 February 2007. Then, Salhab sustained a coma. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and searched 1 house. The Israeli army also patrolled the area and withdrew at 05:00. (ii) At 20:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Al Badhan and patrolled the area. (iii) At dawn, the Israeli army raided the village of Burqa and arrested 2 civilians. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Jamma'in and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Burqa: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Sameer Mas'oud; and (ii) Shabeeb Hasan Shabeeb. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Jihad Yousef Hajj Ali in the town of Jamma'in. • Settler Violence: A group of Israeli settlers beat Suleiman Abdul 'Aziz Hamad, a civilian resident of the village of Till, while he was working on his land near the settler bypass road.
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 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. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attacks/Injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Iskaka. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.

	<p>(ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured Hilweh Khalil Mar', a 55-year-old female civilian.</p> <p>(iii) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 22:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<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.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<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 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/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu' and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the town's entrance and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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.

- **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.
- **Raids/Detentions/Destruction/Confiscation of Property/Physical Assault:**
 - (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta.
 - (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Hawuz, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a number of civilians. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.
 - (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Halhul and Yatta.
 - (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of Ash Shuyukh. Having destroyed its doors, the Israeli army raided the office of a charitable association and confiscated files. The Israeli army also severely beat a guard of the charitable association. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
- **Arrests:** At 01:30 on 04 March 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid into the city of Hebron:
 - (i) Mu'tassem Khalil al Qawasmeh; and
 - (ii) Rami Hatem Abu Khaled.

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, the Israeli army and navy opened fire on 2 occasions. The Israeli army also carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, during one of which it levelled land and arrested 2 civilians.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. • Attack: At 22:15, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the town of Beit Lahiya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 11:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 105 on the Green Line towards a number of shepherds south of Gaza city, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids/Land Levelling: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried out 2 raids into Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:25, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 2 bulldozers, raided 50 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 114 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp, arrested 2 civilians, and levelled land. At 11:10, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 124 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp and withdrew at 04:50. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians east of Al Bureij refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed al Mughrabi; and (ii) Mahmoud Abu Sa'dah.
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 closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.