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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 04 March 2011 – 08:00 05 March 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Civilians left with bruises, Ramallah
Injury	1	—	1	A child in confrontations, Ramallah
Attacks	8	—	8	Incl. 1 in a raid and 2 from mil. posts
Raids	28	—	28	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 6 in Salfit
Arrest (per person)	1	—	1	A mentally challenged female civilian
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. 4 children
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Attack on Property	*	—	—	2 houses to be evacuated, Jerusalem
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	22	—	22	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 5 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	47	—	47	Throughout the West Bank districts
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	6	—	6	Incl. gaining access to residential areas
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	An officer served a summons, Nablus
Demonstrations	5	—	5	Against settlement activity & the Wall
TOTAL	165	6	171	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 04 March 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up many flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians from other districts to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba’. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • Checkpoint: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. • Attack on Property: On 04 March 2011, an Israeli court entered a decision on the evacuation of two Palestinian homes in Beit Hanina town. The court ruling stated that the land, on which both houses are constructed, would be waived to an Israeli settler, claiming that he was in possession thereof. • Demonstration/Injuries: At 12:30, civilians performed Friday prayers in the sit-in tent erected in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against the eviction of civilian homes for construction of Israeli settlement projects. After the prayers, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and participants, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians, including children, women and senior citizens, as a result of tear gas inhalation. Of those wounded, a female civilian was transported to hospital for medical treatment because she was in critical health condition. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, 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"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village and the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. (ii) Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided Bir Zeit and Al Mazra'a al Gharbiya towns, Surda village, and Al Jalazun refugee camp. The Israeli army patrolled these areas until 03:00. (ii) At 01:05, the Israeli army raided 'Arura town, searched three houses, and served a summons on Muhannad 'Awwad 'Odeh to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 02:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Demonstrations/Attacks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 17-year-old 'Assem Basman Yaseen. A number of participants also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (ii) At 13:15, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (iii) At 13:25, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for the expansion of Halamish settlement. Israeli troops set up checkpoints, closed the village's entrances, and denied access to or from the village. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of civilians were wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. Of these, tear gas grenades hit three participants, leaving them with contusions. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • Settler Violence: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, five Israeli settlers gained access to Raba village on motorcycles and moved around the village's streets.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 15:00, a group of Israeli settlers gained access to the evacuated settlement of Homesh, provoked civilians, and withdrew at 16:20. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. • Raid: At 22:45, the Israeli army raided Al Far'a village and patrolled the area until 09:35. • Detentions: At 09:30, Israeli troops detained four civilians, including a child, while they were tending sheep in Al Buqei'a area east of Tammun town: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nouh Yousef Bani 'Odeh, 16 years old; (ii) Abdul Salam Abdullah Bani 'Odeh; (iii) Jihad Mohammed Fahed Bani 'Odeh; and (iv) Suleiman Yousef Suleiman Bani 'Odeh. <p>At 13:30, Israeli troops released all detained civilians.</p>
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • Raid: At 21:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Deir al Ghusun town. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Kafr Laqif village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between 'Azzun town and An Nabi Elyas village on the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to Qalqiliya city, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 18:25. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section between Qalqiliya city and Habla town fired sound grenades on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.

	<p>(ii) At 16:40, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall Gate # 109 near Alfei Menashe settlement fired sound grenades on civilians in the surrounding area, allegedly for throwing a Molotov cocktail at the gate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attack/Detentions:</u> <p>(i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Immatin village.</p> <p>(ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided ‘Azzun town, fired sound grenades east of the village, detained two children (brothers), and released them at a later time.</p> <p>(iii) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided Qalqiliya city and patrolled the area until 21:30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Detention:</u> At 21:15, Israeli troops detained 15-year-old Amir Nour Abdul Rahman Rayyan near the entrance to ‘Azzun town, ostensibly because he had thrown a Molotov cocktail at the main road near the town. Israeli troops released the boy at a later time. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 18:30, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along Wadi Qana road connecting Qalqiliya and Salfit districts. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras ‘Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma’ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma’in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <p>(i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim 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 between 07:00 and 02:00.</p>

	<p>(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 15:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Yitzhar settlement and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(iii) At 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to As Sawiya village and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <p>(i) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled An Naqura village.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Urif village.</p> <p>(iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided Beit Iba town and Zawata village, served summonses on four civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 03:05.</p> <p>(iv) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided Talluza village, served summonses on two civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency, and withdrew at 03:00.</p> <p>(v) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided 'Azmut village, searched three houses, and served summonses on two civilians as well as on Subhi Zeidan Thabet, a Palestinian Presidential Guard officer, to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p>
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.</p> <p>(iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years.</p> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to Haris village and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to Kafr ad Dik town and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Bruqin town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p>

	<p>(iv) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to Deir Istiya town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided Deir Istiya and Kifl Haris towns, set up a checkpoint on the road connecting the towns, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled both areas until 23:00. (ii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided Marda village and patrolled the area until 00:30. (iii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Qarawat Bani Hassan town and patrolled the area until 02:30. (iv) At 02:30 the Israeli army Bruqin and Kafr ad Dik towns and patrolled them until 03:00. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: At 13:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jericho city. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a house belonging to Amjad Abdul Hadi, a Palestinian National Security officer.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: (i) 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. (ii) According to Military Order # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07. (iii) Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00. (ii) At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to Beit Jala city and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:05. (iii) At 02:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Fajjar town and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:30. • <u>Raid:</u> At 15:20, Israeli Special Forces troops raided Husan village, stormed into a commercial premise, and withdrew at 15:50. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 20:40, Israeli troops arrested Amal Jamal Fakhri Taqatqah, a mentally challenged female civilian and resident of Beit Fajjar town, near the junction to Kfar 'Eztzion settlement on the Bethlehem-Hebron main road. Israeli troops claimed that Amal had attempted to stab a soldier. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> On 04 March 2011, Israeli settler unloaded solid waste in Wadi Abu Shahin area near Efrat settlement west of Artas village. • <u>Demonstration/Attack:</u> At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops fired tear gas grenades on protestors and prevented them from accessing civilian land under the threat of confiscation for construction of the Wall. A number of participants sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S on the closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani village. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road between Al Karmil and At Tuwani villages; all roads leading to Road # 60; and the road connecting Surif town to Al Jab'a village.

	<p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:50.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town).</p> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 08:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.</p> <p>(ii) At 08:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Taffuh town.</p> <p>(iii) At 21:30, the Israeli army raided As Sarra village and patrolled the area until 22:15.</p> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <p>(i) At 09:15, a group of Israeli settlers gained access under protection of the Israeli army to 'Ein Fares area near Dura town and withdrew at 10:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:20, a group of Israeli settlers gained entry under protection of the Israeli army into At Tabaqa village and withdrew at 12:00.</p> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire continues to hold.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <p>(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.</p> <p>(ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.</p>

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Yasser ‘Arafat International Airport remains closed.(ii) Rafah (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing is closed.(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.(iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.