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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 06 March 2006 – 08:00 07 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	—	2	**2**	2 civilians during an air attack, Gaza
Deaths	1	3	**4**	Incl. 1 civilian run over by Israeli jeep
Injuries	4	7	**11**	Incl. 4 children
Air Attack	—	1	**1**	Missiles fired towards 1 vehicle
Attacks	4	4	**8**	Incl. 17 artillery shells fired
Raids	26	1	**27**	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 4 in Bethlehem
Air Patrols	1	1	**2**	Incl. 1 helicopter over Artas village
Arrests	22	2	**24**	Incl. 1 child & 1 Pal. Police officer
Detentions	13	—	**13**	At checkpoints & in residential areas
House Demolitions	2	—	**2**	In Beit Iksa and Jaba', Jerusalem
Land Levelling	—	1	**1**	East of Al Qarara area, Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	29	—	**29**	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	1	**2**	Incl. 1 vehicle destroyed, Gaza city
House Occupation	1	—	**1**	Converted into a mil. post in Dura
Closure of Checkpoints	2	—	**2**	'Einav & 'Ein ad Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	**18**	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	1	**8**	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	26	—	**26**	Incl. eastern entrance to Bir Nabala
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	**5**	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Settlement Activity	1	—	**1**	A barbed wire fence erected, Salfit
Settler Violence	1	—	**1**	An iron fence destroyed in Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	**2**	Shelling near Pal. security locations
Palestinian Attack	—	1	**1**	1 unidentified mortar fired
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	**1**	2 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	**160**	**32**	**192**	

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JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Gates:** The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim, and west of the village of Al Jib. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Iksa and demolished 1 house, claiming that it was built without the required license. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Jaba' and demolished 1 house, claiming that it was built without the required license. • **House Demolitions:** (i) The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Amjad Shihadeh in the village of Beit Iksa. (ii) The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Wajeeh Abdul 'Azeez in the village of Jaba'.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Kharbatha al Misbah and Beit Liqya, searched civilian vehicles, and prevented civilians from accessing the city of Ramallah. (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles.

	(iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on 'Uyun al Haramiya junction on the Ramallah-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 19:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of 'Arura, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 20:00. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana and the villages of Qarawat Bani Zeid and Kafr 'Ein until 01:35. (iii) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Mazari' an Nubani. (iv) At 04:20, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid until 04:45.
JENIN	• **Closure of Road:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kufeirit, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • **Raids:** (i) At 13:55, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Aqqaba and opened indiscriminate fire while it was patrolling the area. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the town of Silat al Harithiya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 5 individuals, including 1 Palestinian Police officer. At 04:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 5 individuals in the town of Silat al Harithiya: (i) Mohammed Ahmed Shawahneh, a Palestinian Police officer; (ii) Majdi Ahmed Shawahneh; (iii) Ala' Sami Najeeb; (iv) Rashed Sami Najeeb; and (v) Ahmed Sami Najeeb.
TULKAREM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district.

	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba with dirt barricades. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa with dirt barricades. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the towns of 'Attil and Deir al Ghusun with dirt barricades. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus, denying access to civilian vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem, impeding civilian access. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Raids:** (i) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anabta. (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of 'Illar and the village of Seida, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Illar and the village of Seida: (i) Abdul Hameed Mahmoud Nasser; and (ii) Mahmoud Nayez al Ashqar. • **Palestinian Security Measure:** At 13:30, Palestinian security forces handed over 2 illegal vehicles, seized in the city of Tulkarem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
QALQILIYA	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of 'Azzun with dirt barricades. • **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 village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of 'Izbat Salman and Beit Amin and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel south of the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	• **Raids:** (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Sufin. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 2 civilians. At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and searched 1 house. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Azzun: (i) Akram Amin Sweidan; (ii) Mohammed Rasheed 'Odeh.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to set up an iron gate on the road connecting the town of Jamma'in to the village of Zeita. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Odala and Beita with dirt barricades. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. • **Raids:** (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, opened indiscriminate fire, and fired sound and tear gas grenades, injuring 1 civilian. The Israeli army also searched 1 house and arrested 2 civilians (brothers). At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the city again, searched a number of buildings, and arrested 3 civilians. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Salim and arrested 1 civilian. • **Killing:** At 08:00, an Israeli army jeep ran over and killed Basel 'Adel Fakhr ad Din while Israeli troops were stopping him at a flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Nablus: (i) Fat'h Allah Yaseen; (ii) Ra'ed Yaseen; (iii) Mohammed Sultan al Ashqar; (iv) Abdul Majeed al Bitar; and (v) Mu'een Hasan 'Uleiwi. (vi) Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 'Izzat Yousef Rayyan. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians from the district of Nablus while they were present inside the Green Line, claiming that they did not possess access permits: (vii) Yihya Hamad Ishtayyeh; (viii) Basel Shaheer Ishtayyeh; and

	(ix) Murad Saleh 'Isa. (x) The Israeli army arrested Nayef Mithqal 'Isa in the village of Salim.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate set up at the entrance to the town of Qarawat Bani Hassan. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards 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 near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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) At 21:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Trans-Samaria Highway near the junction to the village of Marda and searched civilian vehicles. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Khirbet Qeis and searched civilians and vehicles until 02:00. • **Arrest:** On 05 March 2006, the Israeli army arrested Hasan Mohammed Salameh, 16 years old, at the entrance to the village of Haris. • **Settlement Activity:** The Israeli army erected a barbed wire fence along the settler bypass road north of the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Bruqin.
JERICHO	• **Closure:** Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja is closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also sporadically impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and

	vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis. (iii) At 15:25, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 13:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • **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 north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 16:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Air Patrol:** (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (ii) At 16:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. (iii) At 19:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:00. (iv) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Artas whilst combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area, combed the area surrounding the village, and withdrew at 24:00. • **Arrests:** On 05 March 2006, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested 2 civilians: (i) Ahmed Shawqi Sh'eibat; and (ii) Tawfeeq Rif'at Rabay'ah.
HEBRON	• **Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the

	settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road.
	(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area.
	(iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh.
	• **Closure of Main Roads:**
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades 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, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks.
	• **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.
	• **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Road # 35 leading to Tarqumiya Crossing and searched civilians and vehicles.
	• **Attack:** At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up on 'Arab ar Ramadin road south of the town of Adh Dhahiriya opened fire towards a civilian vehicle transporting workers, claiming that the vehicle did not stop. As a result, 2 civilians sustained bullet wounds.
	• **Raids/House Occupation:**
	(i) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses.
	(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Nuba and searched 1 house.
	(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ula. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
	• **Settler Violence:** Israeli settlers from the settlement of Beit Hadassah destroyed an iron fence erected around Qurtubah Girls School in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army partially eased the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line. The Israeli army allowed 4,062 workers to cross into areas inside the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	**Closure:** Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, civilians holding special permits, humanitarian cases, and workers. **Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** (i) Between 08:25 and 09:00, the Israeli army fired 13 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. 1 artillery shell did not explode. (ii) At 09:10, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 2 Palestinian National Security locations north of the town of Beit Lahiya.
GAZA	**Closure of Crossing Point:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. **Air Attack/Destruction of Property:** At 09:10, an Israeli army combat aircraft fired missiles towards 1 civilian vehicle in Ash Shuja'iya neighbourhood in Gaza city, extra-judicially killing 5 civilians, including 2 civilian- and 1 child- bystanders, and injuring 7 civilians, including 4 children. Among those injured, 2 civilians sustained critical injuries: (i) Mahmoud Ahmed al Batsh, 15 years old; and (ii) Ahmed 'Adel al Batsh. The air attack also resulted in destroying the civilian vehicle. **Assassinations:** The Israeli army extra-judicially killed 2 civilians during an air attack on a civilian vehicle in Gaza city: (i) Muneer Sukkar; and (ii) Ashraf Shallouf. **Killings:** The Israeli army killed 3 civilian bystanders during an air attack on a civilian vehicle in Gaza city: (i) Raed al Batsh, 11 years old; (ii) Ahmed as Sousi; and (iii) Ala' Ahmed al Batsh.
CENTRAL GAZA	**Attack:** At 09:10, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 122 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. **Palestinian Attack:** At 07:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
KHAN YUNIS	**Attack:** At 16:40, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 161 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira.

	• **Raid/Land Levelling:** At 13:50, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 bulldozers, raided 150 metres into Palestinian territory opposite Point 164 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and levelled land.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. • **Arrests:** At 00:45, the Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians while they were attempting to gain access into the Green Line near Point 217 on the Green Line south of Sufa Crossing.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	• **West Bank:** The Israeli authorities renewed 6,894 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:** The Israeli authorities renewed 4,917 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, only 4,062 workers (approximately 83% of those possessing work permits) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.