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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 07 March 2005 – 08:00 08 March 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	3	—	3	3 children in the village of Bil'in
Attacks	8	5	13	Incl. 4 during raids and 7 from posts
Raids	17	2	19	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 4 in Tulkarem
Air Patrols	3	—	3	Incl. 2 helicopters over Tulkarem
Arrests (per person)	22	—	22	Incl. 1 child and 1 Police officer
Detentions	11	—	11	Incl. at checkpoints
Land Levelling	—	1	1	East of the town of Jabalya
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Curfew	1	—	1	The old city of Hebron
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	16	—	16	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 7 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. Al Mughayyir and An Nu'man
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Incl. civilians denied access at a gate
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. 2 partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	1	—	1	Calls to prayers prevented in Hebron
Settlement Activity	—	1	1	1 settler bypass road constructed
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. civilians and shops attacked
Palestinian Attacks	3	—	3	Incl. open fire towards Ganim
Demonstrations	2	—	2	In Bil'in and Ramallah
TOTAL	115	12	127	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya, the village of Beit Surik, and in the section of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Al Mughayyir with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Silwad, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Deir Abu Mash'al, 'Abud, and Shuqba, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 02:00 on 07 March 2005, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit 'Ur At Tahta and arrested 2 civilians. At 11:35, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, set up a checkpoint in the neighbourhood of Um Ash Sharayet, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 2 buildings.

	<p>(iii) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians in the city of Ramallah. At 00:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 06 March 2005, the Israeli army arrested Omar Mohammed Shalash in the city of Ramallah. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Silwad arrested Mousa Lutfi. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Beit 'Ur At Tahta:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Riyadh 'Abed Hussein Jad Allah; and (iv) Ala' Iyad 'Uthman. (v) The Israeli army arrested 4 unidentified civilians in the city of Ramallah. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:35, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons. (ii) A mass demonstration took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against land levelling for Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 3 children.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya, opened intensive fire indiscriminately, searched a number of houses, and arrested 8 civilians. At 06:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 8 civilians in the town of Qabatiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Adham Tazaz'ah; (ii) Majdi Saba'neh; (iii) 'Allam Saba'neh; (iv) Khaled Dawood Saba'neh; (v) 'Adnan Abu M'alla; (vi) Rami Khalil Nazzal; (vii) Mohammed Mahmoud Nazzal; and (viii) Majed Subhi Tazaz'ah. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 21:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the settlement of Ganim east of the city of Jenin. The Israeli army responded by opening fire towards civilian houses in the eastern

	neighbourhood in the city of Jenin and closed all northern, eastern, and southern entrances to the city.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Checkpoint: At 11:40, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Illar, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians' IDs, and withdrew at 16:20. (ii) At 11:40, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints in the area of Ash Sha'rawiya, between the town of Deir Al Ghusun and the village of Al Jarushiya, at the entrance to the town of Qaffin, and in the area of Ras Rummana near the town of Baqa Ash Sharqiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement at Ash Sha'rawiya checkpoint. At 16:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Attack: At 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 illegal vehicle travelling near the junction to the village of Ramin. The Israeli army confiscated the vehicle after its driver fled away. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 07:00 on 07 March 2005, Israeli infantry forces raided the area between the town of Bal'a, the village of Al 'Atara, and Wadi Ash Sha'ir after 2 Israeli army helicopters dispatched them. The Israeli troops set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs until 15:00. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of 'Illar and the village of Seida, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area in the village of Seida. At 23:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the settlement of 'Einav gate arrested 3 university students on their way back to their homes in the town of Bal'a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sadeq Sabri Suleiman; (ii) Hazem Mohammed Hassan; and (iii) Ahmed Nimr Ahmed.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Wall gate to the village of ‘Azzun ‘Atma, thereby obstructing civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 1 flying checkpoint near the village of Jit and another flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kafr Laqif, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Palestinian Police colonel Ahmed Abdul Karim Saleem in the town of ‘Azzun. • <u>Detention:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army detained 3 civilians while they were working at the DCO offices, and released them at a later time.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 3 jeeps, raided Balata refugee camp and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area. At 05:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 16:30, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Thamer ‘Allan, a university student from the village of ‘Einabus. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 21:10, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Beit Iba checkpoint. The Israeli army responded by firing flares and combing the area.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 11:30, an Israeli army helicopter patrolled the skies over the area of Wadi Ash Sha’er east of the city of Salfit and landed in the area for a period of time. • <u>Detention:</u> At 08:30, a number of Israeli troops detained 1 public vehicle on the junction to the settlement of Tappuah and forced its driver to transport them to the settlement of Ari’el.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army only permitted residents of the city of Jericho to enter the city.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu’man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along ‘Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 16:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Al 'Ubeidiya and patrolled the area. (ii) At 16:45, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Balou', searched civilians and vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement until 17:45. (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, opened fire, and fired sound grenades while patrolling the area.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying civilians and vehicles access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues west of the towns of Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. • <u>Raid:</u> At 08:00 on 08 March 2005, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Yatta and searched 1 house belonging to the family of a political prisoner. • <u>Attack on Religious Sites:</u> The Israeli army prevented calls to prayers from being broadcast in the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> (i) At 09:40, a group of extremist Israeli settlers assaulted civilians and their shops in the old city of Hebron. (ii) At 20:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Ma'on southeast of the town of Yatta severely beat and injured 6 civilians, including 1 child and 3 female civilians, while they were tending their sheep near the settlement. All 6 civilians were transported to hospital. • <u>Palestinian Attack/Curfew:</u> At 09:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the eastern gate to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron, injuring 2 Israeli soldiers. The Israeli army imposed curfew on the old city of Hebron, detained hundreds of civilians, interrogated them, arrested 1 child, and closed all roads leading to the city of Hebron. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Samer 'Adnan At Tawil, 17 years old, in the old city of Hebron.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • <u>Raids/Land Levelling/Settlement Activity:</u> (i) At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 400 meters into Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya, levelled land, and constructed a settler bypass road in the area.
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	<p>(ii) At 08:00, an Israeli army tank raided 100 meters into Palestinian territory opposite Point 63 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya.</p>
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • Attacks: (i) At 12:50, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 towards a number of children west of Al Amal neighbourhood. (ii) At 15:10, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 10 towards a number of children in West Khan Yunis refugee camp.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • Attacks: (i) At 17:25, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 7 towards a number of children in the area surrounding Salah Ad Din gate. (ii) At 00:05, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 17 towards a number of civilians in the area surrounding the settlement of Morag north of the city of Rafah. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards Palestinian territory to the east.