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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 March 2007 – 08:00 09 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	4	—	4	In the district of Jenin, incl. 3 children
Attacks	7	6	13	Incl. 2 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	21	—	21	Incl. 4 in Salfit and 4 in Hebron
Arrests	18	—	18	Incl. 2 children
Detentions	17	—	17	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Attacks on Property	3	—	3	Civilians forced to close shops, Tulkarem
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. An Nu'man village in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	32	—	32	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 2 in Ramallah
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. duties of Police officers obstructed
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	2	2 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against levelling of a road in Jerusalem
TOTAL	167	13	180	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<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.
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JERUSALEM	<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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: The Israeli army fired tear gas and sound grenades towards a number of civilians, while they were attempting to access the old city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also arrested 6 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the old city of Jerusalem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rami al Yaseeni; (ii) Hammoudeh al Yaseeni; (iii) Mohammed al Yaseeni; (iv) Abdullah Mubarak; (v) Bassam Hamed; and (vi) Mustafa Abu Roumi. • Demonstration: At 11:30, a demonstration, including female civilians and international peace activists, took place in the city of Jerusalem in protest the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba road near Al Aqsa Mosque compound.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 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 civilian access. • Wall Construction: 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. • Attack: At 16:10, an Israeli army patrol, travelling along the settler bypass road near Um ash Sharayet neighbourhood south of the city of El Bireh, fired tear gas grenades towards a number of young civilians, after they threw stones at Israeli troops. • Raids: At 14:50, the Israeli army raided the Industrial Zone in the city of El Bireh, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh again, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 01:40. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ghazi al 'Ajjouli in the city of El Bireh.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attacks/Injuries:</u> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians, including 3 children. At 20:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while patrolling the area. (iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tammun.
TULKAREM	<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> (i) At 09:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the towns of Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Zeita and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attacks on Property:</u> (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, after having demanded that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 15:15. (ii) At 14:10, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 20:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also forced civilians to close their commercial shops and withdrew at 23:40. • <u>Arrests:</u> (i) At 16:20, Israeli troops positioned at a checkpoint set up in the district of Tulkarem arrested Mu'taz Qasem Qamiz. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Adel Adib Nassar in the town of 'Attil.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Elyas and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 17:50. • Raid: At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Azzun, arrested 2 children, and withdrew at 05:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the town of ‘Azzun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Layth Ghaleb Badwan, 16 years old; and (ii) Amir Jawdat Radhwan, 17 years old.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • Checkpoints: 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. (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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Talluza, Al Badhan, and Al Far’a, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access in both directions.

<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 24:00. • <u>Raids/Detention:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Kifl Haris. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area. The Israeli army also detained 1 civilian, released him at a later time, and withdrew at 17:15. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Marda. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 19:15, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya and patrolled the area until 00:30. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road #90 in the centre of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja and searched a number of houses.

<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Jala. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched 2 buildings, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 04:30. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Bethlehem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Qasem Taha Abu 'Ilayya; and (ii) Ahmed Ya'qoub an Noubani.
<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 08 March 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Tarqumiya and arrested 3 civilians. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and surrounded a Palestinian Police patrol, while it was investigating an armed robbery, thereby enabling thieves to flee. Thieves left their vehicle behind. At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa', searched 2 houses, and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Tarqumiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 'Adel Mohammed Dababseh; (ii) Lu'ay Ahmed Qabajeh; and (iii) Abdul Hameed Irteish. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of As Samoa':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Mahir Suleiman 'Ata; and (v) 'Odeh Mohammed Abdul Hadi.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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 towards Palestinian territory on 6 occasions. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<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 18:25, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:10, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 08:20, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 11:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 114 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.

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 Crossing is partially open. At 09:00, the Israeli army opened the Crossing in both directions, but closed it again at 11:00, due to passengers' rush. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army and navy opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:50, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 228 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli navy opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Rafah. (iv) At 00:20, Israeli navy boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> 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. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> 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.
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