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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 08 March 2009 – 08:00 09 March 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Nablus
Attacks	3	1	4	3 in confrontations and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	29	—	29	Incl. 4 in Tubas and 6 in Hebron
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Combat helicopters over Northern Gaza
Arrests (per person)	9	—	9	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	17	—	17	Incl. the Governor of Bethlehem
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 3 in Jenin and 2 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. 4 areas closed in the Hebron district
Closure of Main Roads	52	—	52	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 6 in Salfit
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	A petrol station raided & civilians abused
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	Fire opened towards troops on Green Line
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against land levelling in Qalqiliya
TOTAL	172	6	178	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

<p>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. • At 24:00, the Israeli army imposed complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Purim. The Israeli army also prevented civilians, including workers, from accessing the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line, only allowing access to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases. The closure will last until 24:00 on 11 March 2009.
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<p>JERUSALEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure/Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians above 45 years of age to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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) Beginning on 16 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bared from the town of Ar Ram. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Raid:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qalandiya refugee camp. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ar Ram. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Hanina and arrested 2 civilians (brothers of the civilian killed by Israeli Police officers while he was driving a bulldozer in the city of Jerusalem, as was reported on 06 March 2009).
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Hanina: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Ahmed Mahmoud Radaydeh; and (ii) Ali Ahmed Mahmoud Radaydeh. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al Yamun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kafr Qud and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 05:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida, raided an internet café, and detained as well as interrogated civilians inside. Meanwhile, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) The Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested 'Ammar Fayez Ali an Nur, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the city of Jenin. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, 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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tammun and searched 1 house. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Far'a refugee camp. (iii) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Aqqaba, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 civilian. (iv) At 04:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Muthanna 'Imad Hasan Abu 'Arrah in the town of 'Aqqaba.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:35, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint arrested Rushdi Rashid 'Odeh. (ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Ubaydah Mohammed Hammad 'Ubeid in the town of Zeita. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Izbat at Tabib. (ii) At 17:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Hajja, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. • <u>Demonstration/Detentions:</u> At 08:40, civilian residents of the villages of Wadi ar Rasha and Ras Tira as well as international peace activists protested against land levelling for adjustment of the Wall route. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors. The Israeli army also detained a number of civilians and released them at a later time. • <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of 'Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif. (ii) Wall construction was resumed south of the town of Jayyus. (iii) Land levelling was resumed for adjustment of the Wall route near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<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 cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til and Madama; the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut; the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; the western entrance to the town of 'Aqraba; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00. • <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) At Tur neighborhood 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 neighborhood only.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. (iii) Beginning on 14 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed Palestinians holding Israeli-issued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through all checkpoints around the city. To prevent traffic jams, the Israeli army allows vehicles to leave the city through Beit Furik and Beit Iba checkpoints. In addition, the Israeli army has allowed free access to all physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus. (iv) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all civilian residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical Assault: At 11:30, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint severely beat Radhyan Kamel Mohammed Zeid, leaving him with contusions. Zeid was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and provided protection to a group of Israeli settlers, while they were visiting Prophet Joseph's Shrine. (ii) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 02 March 2009, the Israeli army arrested 'Issam Marwan Abu Hawileh during its raid into Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus, in addition to those reported on 02 March 2009. <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus and in 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mu'men Nassr Fayeze Inayeh; and (iii) Mahdi Ma'rouf. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: At 14:20, a group of Israeli settlers entered a petrol station at the entrance to the town of Huwwara as well as provoked and verbally abused civilians.
SALFIT	<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 northern entrance to Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. (iii) Beginning at 17 on 05 March 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Haris. (iv) At 15:50, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya and the village of Haris.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. • <u>Raids:</u> At 09:45, the Israeli army raided the towns of Deir Istiya and Kifl Haris and patrolled these areas until 10:25. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	<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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Vered Yericho and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Ash Shawawra and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Tuqu', searched a house as well as a carpenter's workshop, and served summons to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 02:40, the Israeli army raided the town again, searched a number of houses, and served summons to a number of civilians to reported to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 00:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 18:35, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint detained Salah at Ta'mari, Governor of Bethlehem, along with his wife, and released them after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of Al Walaja.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron. (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for 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 with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash 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"> (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60. (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00. (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (ii) At 18:40, and again at 23:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and searched a number of houses. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iv) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (v) At 01:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
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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. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> Responding to fire opened by armed Palestinian individuals, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 15:00, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the district of Northern Gaza.

GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:</u> In the evening of 08 March 2009, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned on the Green Line east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira. Consequently, Israeli troops opened intensive fire towards Palestinian territory.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to international peace activists as well as trucks transporting medicine and medical equipment. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid.