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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 March 2007 – 08:00 13 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	3	—	3	3 civilians at a checkpoint in Nablus
Attacks	8	4	12	Incl. 6 in raids & 4 from military posts
Raids	27	—	27	Incl. 8 in Jenin and 4 in Nablus
Air Patrols	1	2	3	2 by helicopters & 1 by reconnaissance
Arrests	23	—	23	Incl. 1 child & 3 Pal. security officers
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. 3 Palestinian Police officers, Hebron
House Demolitions	*	—	—	Notices for demolition of 2 houses handed
Wall Construction	26	—	26	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	17.4 <i>dunums</i> in the Qalqiliya district
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	1 Kalashnikov rifle in the Hebron district
Attack on Property	1	—	1	Civilian vehicles detained in Nablus
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into military posts in Nablus
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Huwwara in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	29	—	29	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 10 in Jenin
Closure (per District)	6	—	6	Incl. An Nu'man village in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	33	—	33	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 5 in Tulkarem
Closure of Wall Gates	2	—	2	Wall gates to Habla & 'Azzun 'Atma
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Medical Obstruction	1	—	1	Ambulances denied access, Jenin
School Disruption	1	—	1	A girls school raided in Idhna, Hebron
Settler Violence	1	—	1	A protest held in Al Khadr, Bethlehem
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. a Pal. Police vehicle detained
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	200	12	212	

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"> <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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bared to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) 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: <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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bared, 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Biddu and searched civilians and vehicles.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 19:35, Israeli Special Forces, supported by 20 Israeli army jeeps, raided Qalandiya refugee camp, arrested 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer, and withdrew at 19:45. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Hatem Abdul Rahman al Khatib, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer, in Qalandiya refugee camp. • <u>House Demolitions:</u> The Israeli army distributed notices for the demolition of 2 houses in the area of Wadi al Humus between the districts of Jerusalem and Bethlehem, claiming that they were built without the required construction licences. The houses belong to the families of Abu Sarhan and Abu 'Atwan.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<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 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and impeded civilian access. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Abud and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the settlement of Halamish, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. (iii) At 07:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Arura, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. (iii) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh, searched 1 building and 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. The Israeli army also served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:00 on 12 March 2007, the Israeli army arrested Ahmed Abdul 'Aziz Mubarak, a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, during its raid into the city of El Bireh and Qaddura refugee camp, in addition to those reported yesterday. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the settlement of Halamish arrested Amjad Nassr Hjeiji, a Palestinian National Security officer.

	<p>(iii) The Israeli army arrested Tareq Khalifeh, a Palestinian Police officer, in the city of El Bireh.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<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/Air Patrol/Medical Obstruction/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Az Zababida and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:00, the Israeli army set up another flying checkpoint. An armed confrontation took place between Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint and armed Palestinian individuals. Consequently, the Israeli army reinforced its presence at the checkpoint, whilst 2 combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. In addition, the Israeli army combed the area surrounding the checkpoint and denied access to ambulances. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the villages of Al Kufeir and ‘Anza and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al Yamun, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 4 civilians. (iv) At 21:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Kufeir, searched civilians and vehicles, detained Muneer Feissal Sawaftah, and released him at 22:15. (v) The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: 2 on the junctions to the towns of ‘Arraba and Ya’bad and 1 in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jarba, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 university student. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Deir Ghazala. (ii) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas and the village of Kashda. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and opened fire, while patrolling the area. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Yamun. (v) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Qabatiya.

	<p>(vi) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Tammun, searched a number of houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: At 01:20 on 12 March 2007, the Israeli army arrested 5 university students during its raid into the town of Az Zababida, in addition to those reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hilal Mara'beh; (ii) Sami Nakhleh; (iii) Mohammed Barahmeh; (iv) Ala' Sawalhah; and (v) Fadi Fares. (vi) At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint arrested 'Inad Mohammed Abu al Kheir, while he was travelling to attend a trial session of his cousin at Salim military base. <p>Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the town of Al Yamun arrested 4 civilians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (vii) Shaher Rajeh Zayed; (viii) Anwar Mohammed Freihat; (ix) Mohammed Fayez Khamayseh; and (x) Ayman Mahmoud Zayed. (xi) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Al Jarba arrested Yazan Abdul Kareem Jarad. (xii) The Israeli army arrested Yihya Mahmoud Bsharat in the town of Tammun.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • Closure of Main Roads: 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, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya. • Checkpoints: 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). • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the unpaved detour road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: At 02:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp as well as searched a number of buildings and houses. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in the city. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Ribhi Ali 'Amarah in the city of Tulkarem.

<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<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> <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. (iii) The Israeli army closed the Wall gates to the villages of Habla and ‘Azzun ‘Atma, located behind the Wall. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of ‘Azzun the village of An Nabi Elyas along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested the Assistant to the Under-secretary of the Palestinian Ministry of Religious Endowments. (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya) and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 12:25. (ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Habla. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire. At 19:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area between the town of ‘Azzun and the village of An Nabi Elyas arrested Anwar Abdul Qader Mara’beh, the Assistant to the Under-secretary of the Palestinian Ministry of Religious Endowments. • <u>Land Confiscation:</u> At 01 February 2007, the Israeli army issued an order for extension and modification of borders under Military Order # T/20/95 to confiscate 17.4 <i>dunums</i> (4.29 acres) of land belonging to the city of Qalqiliya and the town of ‘Azzun for military purposes.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<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 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. • <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) 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Lubban ash Sharqi and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Physical Assaults/Injuries:</u> Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint severely beat 3 civilians, leaving them with injuries. • <u>Raids/Attacks/Curfew/House Occupations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara, opened indiscriminate fire, and imposed curfew, allegedly for throwing stones at Israeli settler vehicles. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, occupied the roofs of 3 buildings, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 06:30. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the area of the popular housing project and 'Askar refugee camp in the city of Nablus. While patrolling the refugee camp, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 05:45, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rami Jum'ah; and (ii) Ahmed 'Adel ar Ruz. • <u>Attack on Property:</u> At 16:20, the Israeli army detained a number of civilian vehicles along the Nablus-Huwwara road as well as used them to pursue and fine other civilian vehicles.
SALFIT	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of Haris and the village of Marda and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area. (ii) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Bruqin. While patrolling the town of Kafr ad Dik, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 20:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) An Israeli army patrol raided the town of Haris and patrolled the area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Checkpoints: 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near An Nashash gas station in the town of Al Khadr along the road to the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 12:20, a number of Israeli settlers gathered near An Nashash gas station in the town of Al Khadr in protest against Palestinian civilian vehicles travelling along Road # 60 leading to the city of Hebron. At 14:00, the Israeli army evacuated the settlers from the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<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. (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. (iii) At 11:30, the Israeli army installed an iron gate in the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, after having removed the cement blocks. Thereby, the Israeli army controls civilian access to and from the area. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 12:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a Palestinian Police vehicle along with 3 Palestinian Police officers. Israeli troops took the Police officers to the settlement of Kiryat Arba' and confiscated a Kalashnikov rifle from them. At 15:20, and after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), the Israeli army released the detained Police officers.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Attack/Injuries/School Disruption/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 12 March 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 10:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and searched 1 commercial shop. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and school students, during which the Israeli army injured a number of students as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also raided the town's girls school. (iii) At 15:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also halted a Palestinian Preventive Security vehicle and demanded that officers onboard not move with their weapons. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30 on 12 March 2007, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Kamel Qteit during its raid into the town of Dura, in addition to those reported yesterday. (ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army arrested 14-year-old Hatem Ghazi al Husseini in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army arrested 'Isa 'Ayyash Shalaldeh in the town of Sa'ir.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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 opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 4 occasions. Israeli combat aircraft also patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory on 2 occasions. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 08:55, in an attempt to violate the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, but they landed on Palestinian territory.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:15, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 176 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the area of Khuza'a.

	<p>(ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 181 on the Green Line towards a number of civilians east of the area of Khuza'a.</p>
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is open. At 08:00, the Crossing was opened to civilian passengers in both directions until 17:00. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Attack: At 16:35, and again 18:40, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 209 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers north of Sufa Crossing, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Air Patrols: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over Rafah Crossing. (ii) At 01:10, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

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