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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 12 March 2009 – 08:00 13 March 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	9	2	11	Incl. 7 in confrontations & 2 from boats
Raids	29	—	29	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 10 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Troops dispatched by a helicopter, Tubas
Arrests (per person)	8	—	8	Incl. 2 children and 1 university student
Detentions	16	—	16	Incl. a Palestinian security officer
House Demolition	1	—	1	House demolished partially, Ramallah
Land Levelling	1	—	1	To expand Einav checkpoint, Tulkarem
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Windshield of a vehicle broken
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into military posts, Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Jayyus in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	12	—	12	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. over the city of Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	50	—	50	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 13 Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. access allowed to 35 ill civilians
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Civilian vehicles stoned in Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	—	2	Incl. a Police vehicle and officer detained
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	1	—	1	An Israeli settler handed over in Tulkarem
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with political prisoners, Jenin
TOTAL	185	6	191	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 impede civilian access to the mosque. 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). Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. 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 Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. 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. Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 10:10, an Israeli Police patrol prevented Palestinian Civil Defence officers from rescuing civilians near the junction to the village of Jaba', after a traffic accident took place between a Palestinian bus and an Israeli garbage truck. 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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to 'Atara town and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Halamish and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a Palestinian Police vehicle as well as 4 Police officers. Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops released the Police vehicle and officers. • Raids/Destruction of Property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beituniya and patrolled the area until 11:10. (ii) At 12:05, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 15:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad. While surrounding and demolishing parts of a house, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian ('wanted' by the Israeli authorities). (iv) At 16:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (v) At 20:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha al Misbah. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while its patrolling the area. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Rushdi Mohammed Mirshed Hammad in the town of Silwad. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of 'Abud town and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Araqa. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At dawn on 13 March 2009, the Israeli army raided the village of Ar Rama and searched 1 house after having detained residents. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:15 on 11 March 2009, the Israeli army arrested Ali Yihya Hamarsheh during its raid into the town of Ya'bad, as was reported yesterday. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army arrested Ubay Hamzeh Abdul Haleem 'Inayeh, a 17-year-old resident of the town of 'Azzun in the district of Qalqiliya, while he was attending a trial session of his brother at the military court in Salem Military Camp. (iii) The Israeli army arrested Omar Zuheir Khanfar in the village of Ar Rama. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:00, political prisoners' families held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Jenin in solidarity with their relative prisoners as well as demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons. • <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>Raid/Air Patrol:</u> At 21:00, Israeli troops dispatched by a combat helicopter raided and combed an area near the village of Kashda. Israeli troops conducted military training in the area.
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>Raid:</u> At 21:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army levelled land in the area surrounding 'Einav checkpoint for expansion of the checkpoint.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 20:30, Palestinian security forces handed to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli settlers, after he had mistakenly accessed the city of Tulkarem. • <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. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 3 houses, and withdrew at 11:30. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Jayyus and imposed curfew, claiming that civilians had burnt wheel tyres near the Wall. At 23:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:</u> At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kedumim threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, breaking the windshield of a vehicle belonging to Mohammed Rashid Abu Bakr. • <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 continues south of the town of Jayyus. (iii) Land levelling continues 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 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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) 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. (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. • Flying Checkpoint/Detention: At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Yitzhar and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained a Palestinian National Security officer and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Azmut. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 04:00.
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. • Checkpoints: 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. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zawiya and patrolled the area until 09:20. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Istiya and patrolled the area until 22:50.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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"> • 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 that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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. • Closure of Main Roads: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • Checkpoint: At 08:50, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:30 on 12 March 2009, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the debris of the evacuated post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tuqu'. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 21:40, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 03:15 on 12 March 2009, the Israeli army arrested Nasser Ahmed Yousef Shokeh during its raid into the city of Bethlehem, in addition to those reported yesterday. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ali Mohammed Dawoud Salah in the town of Al Khadr.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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 Ibrahim 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. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol 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. (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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar opened fire as well as fired sound and tear gas grenades towards civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. Israeli troops also arrested a child. • <u>Raids/House Occupations/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 01:30 on 12 March 2009, the Israeli army remained positioned in the towns of Sa'ir and Ash Shuyukh. At 09:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the town of As Samoa' and arrested a university student. (iii) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura, set up flying checkpoints at its entrances, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also occupied roofs of a number of houses and converted them into military post. In addition, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 16:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town again. (iv) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (v) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and searched 1 house. At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (vi) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (vii) At 22:35, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Anwar Nouri Ibrahim al Mahariq in the town of As Samoa'. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar arrested 15-year-old Wael Yousef al Qadhi. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> (i) Israeli navy boats opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea in the districts of Northern Gaza and Rafah. (ii) 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 closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 12:45, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya.
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:</u> In the morning of 13 March 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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 35 ill civilians after they had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. Access was also allowed to 12 international peace activists to the Egyptian territory. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>Attack:</u> At 12:00, Israeli navy boat opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats opposite the beach of the city of Rafah.