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# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT
### 08:00 14 March 2007 – 08:00 15 March 2007

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## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Attacks | 4 | — | **4** | 3 in raids & 1 by an Israeli settler |
| Raids | 23 | — | **23** | Incl. 4 in Jenin and 4 in Hebron |
| Arrests | 35 | — | **35** | Incl. 6 children & 1 Pal. Police officer |
| Detentions | 18 | — | **18** | Incl. a bus transporting school students |
| House Demolition | 1 | — | **1** | A 3-storey building in Jerusalem |
| Land Levelling | 1 | — | **1** | In Wadi al Malih in the Jordan Valley |
| Wall Construction | 25 | — | **25** | Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth. |
| Destruction of Property | 3 | — | **3** | Incl. a road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque |
| Attack on Property | 1 | — | **1** | Excavations carried out in Jerusalem |
| House Occupation | 1 | — | **1** | Converted into a military post in Ramallah |
| Curfew | 1 | — | **1** | Over the town of 'Atara in Ramallah |
| Closure of Checkpoints | 15 | — | **15** | Incl. access impeded at 8 checkpoints |
| Flying Checkpoints | 19 | — | **19** | Incl. 3 in Tulkarem and 4 in Hebron |
| Closure (per District) | 6 | — | **6** | Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron |
| Closure of Main Roads | 33 | — | **33** | Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 5 in Tulkarem |
| Closure of Crossing Points | — | 5 | **5** | Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially |
| Settler Violence | 1 | — | **1** | Fire opened towards a shop in Hebron |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 1 | — | **1** | 1 Pal. security vehicle halted & searched |
| Palestinian Attack | — | 1 | **1** | 1 mortar fired towards the Green Line |
| **TOTAL** | **188** | **6** | **194** | |

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**WEST BANK**

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| **ALL DISTRICTS** | • 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** | • **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.<br>• **Closure of Main Roads:**<br>(i) 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.<br>(ii) 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.<br>(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.<br>• **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.<br>• **Wall Gates:**<br>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.<br>(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.<br>• **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.<br>• **Raid:** At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided and patrolled Qalandiya refugee camp. |

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| | • **House Demolition:** At 10:00, the Israeli army demolished a 3-storey building in the village of Sur Bahir, belonging to Ahmed Khalil 'Atwan.<br>• **Attack on Property:** The Israeli army continues to carry out excavations in search of archaeological artefacts along the road to Shu'fat neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem, thereby threatening to damage Arab Islamic archaeological artefacts. |
| **RAMALLAH & EL BIREH** | • **Closure of Main Roads:**<br>(i)   The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil.<br>(ii)  The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa.<br>• **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.<br>• **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.<br>• **Raids/Curfew/House Occupation:**<br>(i)   At dawn on 14 March 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Atara, imposed curfew, searched 1 house, and arrested a school teacher.<br>(ii)  At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh.<br>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beitin, searched 1 house, occupied another house, and converted it into a military post.<br>• **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Firas Abdul Hadi as Sarahneh in the town of 'Atara. |
| **JENIN** | • **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.<br>• **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.<br>• **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.<br>• **Flying Checkpoints:**<br>(i)   At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles.<br>(ii)  The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Ash Shuhada' junction and searched civilians and vehicles.<br>• **Raids/Attack:**<br>(i)   At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 11 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp as well as searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians in the refugee camp. |

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| | (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Fahma and arrested 4 civilians, including 1 child, as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army also raided and searched the offices of a charitable association.<br><br>(iii) At 03:15, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr Ra'i, opened fire, and fired sound grenades.<br><br>• **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Jenin refugee camp:<br>(i) Mohammed ash Shabrawi; and<br>(ii) Mahmoud Jabarin.<br>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the village of Fahma:<br>(iii) Hasan Mohammed Abdullah, a Palestinian National Security officer;<br>(iv) Ali Ramzi Sa'abneh, 16 years old;<br>(v) Ali Tawfiq Sa'abneh;<br>(vi) Ali Mahir Sa'abneh; and<br>(vii) 'Ahed Waleed Abu Khurj.<br><br>• **Land Levelling/Destruction of Property:** The Israeli army levelled agricultural land and dug trenches in the area of Um al Qaba in Wadi al Malih in the northern Jordan Valley. |
| **TULKAREM** | • **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.<br><br>• **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.<br><br>• **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).<br><br>• **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.<br><br>• **Flying Checkpoints:**<br>(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Wadi 'Ammar road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian.<br>(ii) At 13:05, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of Beit Lid along the Tulkarem-Nablus road and the other at the entrance to the village of Ramin, and searched civilians and vehicles.<br><br>• **Raid:** At 00:45, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.<br><br>• **Arrests:** At 12:15, Israeli troops positioned at Jubara checkpoint arrested 4 civilians, including 2 children:<br>(i) Mohammed Tawfiq Abu 'Inein, 17 years old;<br>(ii) Mohammed Nahedh ash Sheikh Ali, 17 years old;<br>(iii) Fat'hi Ahmed Matar; and<br>(iv) Thaer Nafez Rahaymeh. |

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| | (v)    Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up along Wadi 'Ammar road connecting the towns of Bal'a and Deir al Ghusun arrested Kayed Fawzi Mansour. |
| | (vi)    The Israeli army arrested Murad Abdul Lateef Abu Khalil in the town of 'Attil. |
| **QALQILIYA** | • **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.<br>• **Wall Gates:**<br>(i)    Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.<br>(ii)    The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.<br>• **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.<br>• **Flying Checkpoints:**<br>(i)    At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Jayyus and searched civilians and vehicles.<br>(ii)    At 23:30, 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 until 01:00.<br>• **Raids:**<br>(i)    At 22:15, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun, after stones were thrown at an Israeli settler vehicle.<br>(ii)    At 05:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched a number of houses, and arrested 2 civilians.<br>• **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya:<br>(i)    Majd Mohammed Budeir; and<br>(ii)    Ibrahim Mohammed Shana'ah. |
| **NABLUS** | • **Closure of Main Roads:**<br>(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.<br>(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.<br>• **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:<br>(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. |

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| | (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.<br>(iii)      Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.<br>(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.<br>(v)      The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint and impeded civilian access.<br>• **Flying Checkpoints:** The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the eastern and western entrances to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.<br>• **Raids/Attacks:**<br>(i)      At 18:25, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Awarta, opened fire, and fired sound grenades. The Israeli army also arrested 1 child at the entrance to the village.<br>(ii)      At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Beita. While searching a house, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians, including 1 school student and 1 university student.<br>• **Arrests:**<br>(i)      At 19:40, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Amjad Yousef 'Awwad.<br>Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer and 1 university student:<br>(ii)      Baha' Mohammed Ashraf Badawi, a Palestinian Police officer; and<br>(iii)      Yousef Isma'il Suleiman.<br>(iv)      The Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Salah Zahed Qawariq at the entrance to the village of 'Awarta.<br>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Beita:<br>(v)      'Assem Shawkat Khudheir, 16 years old;<br>(vi)      Yasser Tal'at Hamayel;<br>(vii)      Thaer Tal'at Hamayel; and<br>(viii)      Omar Mifleh Hamayel. |
| **SALFIT** | • **Closure of Main Roads:**<br>(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 *Intifada* (Uprising).<br>(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.<br>• **Checkpoints:**<br>(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. |

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| | (ii)    The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to impede civilian access.<br>• **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.<br>• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:00.<br>• **Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:**<br>(i)    At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf.<br>(ii)    At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and arrested 1 civilian.<br>(iii)    The Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik and searched 1 house. The Israeli army also halted and searched a Palestinian National Security vehicle.<br>• **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Ayyoub Ahmed Mar'i in the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan. |
| **JERICHO** | • **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.<br>• **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.<br>• **Flying Checkpoints:**<br>(i)    At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah and searched civilians and vehicles.<br>(ii)    At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles. |
| **BETHLEHEM** | • **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.<br>• **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.<br>• **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.<br>• **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. |

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| | • **Raids:**<br>(i) At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and the town of Al Khadr and searched a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in the town of Al Khadr and withdrew at 03:05.<br>(ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Fajjar and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 child.<br>• **Arrests:**<br>(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up in the area of An Nashash at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr arrested Mahmoud Khalil Ma'ali.<br>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Iyad Ali 'Isa in the town of Al Khadr.<br>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Fajjar:<br>(iii) Ala' Mohammed Taqatqah, 17 years old;<br>(iv) Mohammed Salah Taqatqah; and<br>(v) Iyad Mohammed Taqatqah. |
| **HEBRON** | • **Closure:**<br>(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 to and from the area.<br>(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.<br>• **Closure of Main Roads:**<br>(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.<br>(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. |

|  | • **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. |
|  | • **Flying Checkpoint/Detentions:** At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained a bus transporting school students from Al 'Arrub refugee camp. After taking the bus to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion, the Israeli army released the detained students. |
|  | • **Raids/Detentions/Destruction of Property:** |
|  | (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 3 civilians, including 1 university student. At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up 2 checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, detained a number of civilians, and released them at a later time. The Israeli army also searched a blacksmith's workshop. |
|  | (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura and searched 1 house, after detaining residents outside. |
|  | (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Idhna, searched 1 house, damaged its furniture, and arrested 1 civilian. |
|  | • **Arrests:** |
|  | (i) The Israeli army arrested Bassam Hamad az Zeer, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency. |
|  | The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the city of Hebron: |
|  | (ii) Hasan Taher Dandis; |
|  | (iii) Shadi 'Adel az Zghayyer; and |
|  | (iv) 'Adnan Mahmoud Abu 'Iram. |
|  | (v) The Israeli army arrested Lutfi Hassan 'Awwad in the town of Idhan. |
|  | • **Settler Violence/Attack:** While driving his vehicle, an Israeli settler opened fire towards a commercial shop near the village of Turrama. |

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| **ALL DISTRICTS** | • The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line. |
| **NORTHERN GAZA** | • **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs.<br>• **Palestinian Attack:** At 16:50, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. |
| **GAZA** | • **Closure of Crossing Point:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. |

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| **CENTRAL GAZA** | • Activities not reported. |
| **KHAN YUNIS** | • Activities not reported. |
| **RAFAH** | • **Closure of Crossing Points:**<br>(i)    Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.<br>(ii)    Rafah Crossing is open to civilians in both directions.<br>(iii)    Sufa Crossing is closed.<br>(iv)    Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. |