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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00, 14 March 2010 – 08:00, 15 March 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	_	1	During a demonstration against the Wall
Arrests (per person)	8	_	8	7 in Jerusalem & 1 in Nablus
Detentions	15	_	15	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Raids	23	_	23	Incl. 5 on Jerusalem & 4 on Nablus
Checkpoints	9	_	9	Access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	24	_	24	Incl. 1 in Ramallah & 1 in Jenin
Attacks	7	_	7	Incl. 5 in confrontations & 1 by settlers
Military Post	1	_	1	Erecting an observation post in Hebron
Curfew	1	_	1	Over Huwwara town in Nablus district
Confiscation of Property	1	_	1	M-16 rifle from Jerusalem district
Wall Construction	22	_	22	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth.
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 2 in Tulkarm & 1 in Jenin
Closure of Crossing Points		5	5	Partial opening of 2 crossings only
Attack on Religious Sites	*1	_	1	Incl. storming yards of Al Aqsa Mosque
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. erecting fence around plot of land
Demonstrations	5	_	5	Incl. against attacks on Al Aqsa Mosque
TOTAL	167	5	172	

ALL DISTRICTS

• Beginning at 24:00 on 11 March 2010, the Israeli army has continued to impose complete closure on all West Bank districts and prevent civilians and workers from entering the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line, except for previously coordinated humanitarian cases, to prevent civilian protests. The closure was extended until 24:00 on 16 March 2010, although it was scheduled to end at 24:00 on 13 March 2010.

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) Beginning on 11 March 2010, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the main entrances to Jerusalem city and Al Aqsa Mosque compound. The Israeli army also set up checkpoints on all roads leading to the old city of Jerusalem and denied civilian access, only allowing access to residents of the old city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army only allowed access to civilians above 50 years of age and those possessing Israeli "blue" ID cards to perform prayers inside the mosque through As-Silsila, An-Nadher and Hitta gates after closing all the other gates leading to the mosque. As a result, civilians were forced to perform prayers on the streets. In addition, the Israeli army closed Al Aqsa Girls' Secondary School and Ash Shar'iya Secondary School that are located inside the mosque.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section separating the area of Dahiyat Al Bareed in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem.

• Flying Checkpoints:

(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:00.

JERUSALEM

(ii) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bir Nabala and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers.

• Raids

- (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Eizariya, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area. Again at 15:00, the Israeli army raided the area and searched a commercial shop.
- (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Anata where confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area.
- (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ar-Ram.
- (iv) At dawn on 15 March 2010, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ijza, searched a house, confiscated an M-16 rifle and arrested a woman.

• Arrests:

- (i) On 14 March 2010, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers, in the city of Jerusalem and the village of Az-Zaim. They are Ahmad Al Qabbani; Hilmi Wafa Hilmi Al-'Ajlouni and his brother Ahmad.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested at the entrance to the town of Bir Nabala the civilians: Adnan Nimer Abu Kifayah; Atef Hani Abu Kifayah and his brother Ahmad.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested in the village of Beit Ijza the civilian woman Wisal Nimer Abu Kifayah.
- Attack on Religious Site: In the evening of 14 March 2010, the Israeli army raided the yards of Al Aqsa Mosque after civilians performed the 'Isha' prayer. The Israeli army wanted to expel worshipers who were attempting to stay inside the mosque to confront attempts by extremist Jewish groups who declared their intention to raid the yards of the mosque and perform Talmudic rituals following the inauguration of the so called Hurva synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque on the evening of 15 March 2010. The Israeli army confiscated the IDs of worshippers when they left the mosque.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: In the evening of 14 March 2010, mass demonstrations took place in the neighborhoods of Ras Al Amud, Bab Hitta and As Sa'diya in the old city of Jerusalem in protest at storming the yards of Al Aqsa Mosque and expelling worshipers who were attempting to stay inside the mosque to confront attempts by extremist Jewish groups to enter the yards. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army.

• Wall Gates:

- (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 al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-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 the area of al-'Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, south of Beit Hanina village, and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the village of Sinjil, the village of Safa and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. Flying Checkpoint: At 07:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Atara town and impeded civilian access. Raids: At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Mazra'a Ash Sharqiya. At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Sinjil and served summons to 3 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 06:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues west of the towns and villages of 'Abud and Bil'in, and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to 'Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. Flying Checkpoint: At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Bir Al Basha at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:30. Raid: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of At Tayba. Settler Violence: At 07:00, a group of Israeli settlers protected by the Israeli army entered land belonging to civilians from the village of Imreiha that is located south of Ya'bad town and erected barbed wire fence around a plot of land measuring 40 square meters and hoisted Israeli flags on it. Wall Gates: 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.
TOUBAS	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the city of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shofeh and the road between the villages of Shofeh and Izbat Shofeh. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road.

Raids: (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Jamal, searched a number of houses and served summons to 4 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 00:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. (ii) Wall Gates: 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. Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. **Flying Checkpoints:** At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (i) the town of Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to (ii) the village of Jinsafut. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint in the area between the (iii) villages of Hajja and Al Funduq and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area (iv) between the towns of Jayyus and Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 18:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of **QALQILYA** An Nabi Elias and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Raid: Qalqiliya until 02:20. **<u>Demonstration</u>**: At 08:00, a sit in demonstration by a number of teachers and school pupils took place at the entrance to the Wall gate leading to the village of Ras Atiya in protest at coercing teachers to cross through an electronic gate. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of (i) Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban **NABLUS** Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Agraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. The Israeli army continues to close by an iron gate the western entrance (ii) to An Nagura village, opposite Shavi Shomron settlement.

(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of Aqraba to the village of Osarin.

• **Checkpoints**:

- (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00.
- (ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00.
- <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 15:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road (the eastern entrance to the city of Nablus) and searched civilians and vehicles.

Raids:

- (i) At 13:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Urif and Einabus.
- (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara, imposed curfew on the area under the pretext of throwing a Molotov cocktail bomb towards a settler bus and withdrew at 23:30.
- (iii) At 01:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, fired sound grenades while searching a house, arrested a civilian and withdrew at 04:30.
- <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested in the city of Nablus the civilian Thaer Naim Muhammad Masoud.
- Attack on Religious Site: On 14 March 2010, the Israeli army served in the village of Burin 7-day-notice for demolishing a 3-storey mosque under construction under the pretext of not having a construction license.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 12:30, a group of armed Israeli settlers from the settlement of Yitzhar closed the road connecting the villages of Einabus and Urif and opened fire indiscriminately towards civilians. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and detained 2 children while attempting to confront the settler attack. The Israeli army released them at a later time after evacuating the settlers from the area.

SALFIT

- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access.

• Raids:

- (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Biddya and patrolled the area.
- (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bruqin until 23:20.

	 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 Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-'Auja with cement blocks. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits. Flving Checkpoint: At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the settlement of Vered Yerihu (at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho), detained a number of civilians and released them following DCO intervention and withdrew at 09:30.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (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) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town and the agricultural road that is located between the town of Taqu'a and the village of Khirbet Al Baq'a. Checkpoint: At 11:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access. Flving Checkpoints: (i) At 22:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Fajjar and searched civilians and vehicles until 23:45. (ii) At 00:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash area junction (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 10:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Beit Jala, set up a flying checkpoint and patrolled the area until 13:10. Demonstration: At 11:00, a mass demonstration with the participation of international peace activists took place in the area of Al Kreimazan northwest of Beit Jala city in protest at leveling land belonging to civilians planted with olive trees in order to complete the construction of the Wall. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army injuring a civilian and causing suffocation to a number of demonstrators as a result of tear gas inhalation. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of

the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of		
Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.		
Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to al Laban Market by iron boards. 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. The Israeli army continues to close the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya. The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.		
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.		
Flying Checkpoints:		
At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.		
At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to		
the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles. At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to		
the town of Tarqumiya and searched civilians and vehicles.		
Raids:		
checkpoint and patrolled the area. Again at 00:30, the Israeli army raided the city, searched a house, served summon to a civilian to		
report to the Israeli Intelligence agency and withdrew at 02:45. At 01:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.		
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- (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Samit and patrolled the area.
- <u>Military Post</u>: At 21:15, the Israeli army erected a military observation post in the area of Jabal Sundus near the neighborhood of Al Baladiya south of Hebron city.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS

At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period.

NORTHERN GAZA	• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u> : Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing for fuel transport is closed since 04 January 2010 by an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for the transport of food, humanitarian assistance, a quantity of industrial diesel for the electricity plant, cooking gas, and for the export of 2 truckloads of flower.