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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 15 March 2007 – 08:00 16 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	6	1	7	6 in raids & 1 from a military post
Raids	19	—	19	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 5 in Nablus
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Reconnaissance aircraft over Nablus city
Arrests	13	—	13	Incl. 1 child & 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	22	—	22	Incl. 1 civilian used as a human shield
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a military post in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 3 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	17	—	17	Incl. 4 in Jenin and 4 in Tulkarem
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	—	4	4	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Forces demanded not to leave positions
Palestinian Attack	1	1	2	Incl. an explosive device detonated
TOTAL	164	6	170	

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"> 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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: <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. 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.
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<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> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ein 'Arik and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:50, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (ii) At 22:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of Kafr 'Ein. (iii) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Abud, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 child. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Samih Shalatweh, 17 years old, in the town of 'Abud.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Al Kufeir and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Sanur and Al Jarba and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of 'Arraba and the other in the area between the town of Az Zababida and the village of Misliya, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> At 00:45, the Israeli army, including 25 jeeps, raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 05:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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 Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Jarushiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • Raids/Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00 on 15 March 2007, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem, patrolled the area, opened fire, and withdrew at 15:35. (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided an area near the town of Beit Lid, carried out military training, and opened fire, thereby setting panic among civilian residents of the town. • Arrests: At 00:45 on 15 March 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid into the town of 'Attil, in addition to those reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abdul Mu'ti Hasan Malak; and (ii) Fadi Yasser Malak. (iii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of Al Jarushiya arrested Mohammed Jamal as Sa'di, a Palestinian National Security officer. (iv) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Yousef ash Shalabi in Nur Shams refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) 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: 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • 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) 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. (v) At 20:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and denied civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the villages of Sabastiya and Ijnisinya and the other on the junction to the village of Bizzariya, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 10:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beit Imrin, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attacks/House Occupation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of Balata, ‘Askar, and ‘Ein Beit el Ma’, after having demanded (through the DCO) that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. The Israeli army also opened intensive fire in Balata refugee camp. In ‘Ein Beit el Ma’ refugee camp, the Israeli army occupied 1 house and converted it into a military post, after armed Palestinian individuals detonated an explosive device near an Israeli

	<p>army jeep. While searching a number of houses in the old city of Nablus, the Israeli army detained Ahmed al Madani and used him as a human shield. At 06:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Zeita Jamma'in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air Patrol: At 23:20, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the city of Nablus until 01:10. • Detentions: At 14:15, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint detained 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omar Nayef 'Odeh; and (ii) Akram Lutfi Bani Shamsiyyeh.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • Checkpoints: <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. (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. • Arrests: At 02:30 on 15 March 2007, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians during its raid into the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan, in addition to those reported yesterday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fu'ad 'Uthman Rayyan; and (ii) Hamzeh Yousef Mar'i.
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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and impeded civilian access.

<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<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 10:30, 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 denied civilian access until 12:00. • Raids: At 04:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and Ad Duheisha refugee camp and searched 1 house. In the refugee camp, the Israeli army detained 1 civilian and served a summons to another to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • Arrest: At 03:30 on 15 March 2007, the Israeli army arrested Walid Mahmoud Hayyan during its raid into the town of Beit Fajjar, in addition to those reported yesterday.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access to and from the area. (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. • Closure of Main Roads: <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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis and denied civilian access, after having closed the road with an iron gate. The Israeli army reopened the gate at a later time. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Amra and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Deir Samit and arrested 4 civilians. (iii) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Sa'ir and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of Deir Samit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mousa Ahmed al Hroub; (ii) Tawfiq Abdul Fattah al Hroub; (iii) Mousa Safi al Hroub; and (iv) Isma'il Ahmed al Hroub. (v) The Israeli army arrested Sari Sharif Jaradat in the town of Sa'ir.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<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 1 occasion. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. • Palestinian Attack: At 16:20, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.

KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is open to civilians in both directions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 22:30, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 232 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport east of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.