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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 March 2004 – 08:00 17 March 2004

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	—	6	6	Incl. 3 children
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. beating of 67 year old
Injuries	5	25	30	Incl. 3 children (1 3 yr. old)
Air Attack	—	2	2	Targeting civilian houses
Attacks	4	2	6	
Raids	26	3	29	
Air Patrols	1	2	3	Incl. 2 heli. raids & 1 drill
Arrests (per person)	15	6	21	Incl. 2 officers
Detentions	2	1	3	2 cars in Tulk. & civ. at chpnt.
House Demolitions	4	1	5	
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Incl. 1 for settlement expan.
Wall Construction	12	—	12	
Destruction of Property	9	—	9	Incl. 1 car & 6 barracks
Land Confiscation	2	—	2	Settlement expansion & Wall
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted to mil. post, Hizma
Curfew	1	—	1	Khaduri College Street, Tulk.
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	7	—	7	
Closures (per District)	4	1	5	Incl. Jer & Beit Iksa,
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(5)	Most	Esp. connecting governorates
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	
Settlement Activity	2	—	2	Settlement expansion
Religious Sites	1	—	1	Raid on monastery, Artas
Provocation of Forces	2	—	2	Nat. Sec. chpnt & Pol. station
Demonstrations	2	—	2	In Dahiyat Al Barid & Midya
TOTAL	103	53	156	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to impose a strict closure on Jerusalem and to prevent residents from other districts from entering the city. • Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues in Al Eizariya, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira and Sur Bahir. (ii) Preparatory work, including land levelling, for construction of the Wall in Beit Surik and Qatanna remains suspended by order of the Israeli Supreme Court. (iii) The Israeli army continues to erect 2-meter high cement blocks for construction of the Wall running along the middle of the main street between Dahiyat Al Bareed checkpoint and Qalandiya checkpoint. (iv) The Israeli army issued Military Order No. 22/4/t confiscating thousands of <i>dunums</i> of land for Wall construction in the village of Anata. • House Demolition: Israeli army bulldozers demolished 1 house and destroyed the entire contents of the house based on claims that the house was not properly licensed. The house was built 7 years ago and the owner had previously paid a fine of 130,000 NIS to the Israeli Authorities. • House Occupation: The Israeli army occupied 1 house in the village of Hizma overlooking an Israeli settler bypass road opposite Shu'fat refugee camp. The house was converted into a military post. • Demonstration: Palestinian civilians demonstrated in Dahiyat Al Bareed in protest against construction of the Wall. An Israeli army jeep intentionally ran over 2 protestors, injuring both.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: At 10:35, the Israeli army closed the village of Beit Ikksa with cement barricades. • Wall Construction: Construction of the western portion of the Wall continues in Budrus, Deir Qaddis, Rantis, Beit Liqya, near Beituniya and near the village of Midya. • Attack: At 01:15, an Israeli army jeep took position on a hill south of the village of Kafr 'Ein and opened fire towards the surrounding area. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, several Israeli army jeeps raided the cities of Ramallah and

	<p>El Bireh and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:25, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and demolished 1 house belonging to a political prisoner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Basil Abdul Hamid in Ramallah city. • Demonstration: At 18:00, demonstrations took place in the villages of Deir Qaddis, Al Midya and Beit Liqya in protest against construction of the Wall on land belonging to the village. Confrontations with the Israeli army occurred, during which 3 civilians in the village of Al Midya were injured and several civilians sustained injuries due to tear gas inhalation.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • Wall Construction: Construction of the Wall continues south of Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida and towards the Jordan River.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army closed the northern entrance leading to the city of Jerusalem. The southern and western entrances are open to pedestrians only. • Physical Assault: At 20:00, Israeli settlers attacked Khalaf Al Wahsh, a 67-year-old civilian, near the village of Al Fureidis. The elderly man was seriously injured and transferred to the hospital. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:30, 3 Israeli jeeps raided the city of Bethlehem. (ii) At 17:30, 3 Israeli army jeeps raided the village of Artas and forced entry into Artas Monastery. (iii) At 20:05, the Israeli army raided Ayda refugee camp. (iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ubeidiya and patrolled the area. (v) At 22:30, 3 Israeli jeeps raided Beit Sahur. (vi) At 01:45, and again at 05:40, 9 Israeli jeeps raided the city of Bethlehem. (vii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided Al Duheisha refugee camp and arrested 1 civilian. (viii) At 04:25, 5 Israeli army jeeps raided the village of Al Khadr and arrested 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in Al Duheisha refugee camp: (i) Ali Al Afandi. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the village of Al Khadr: (ii) Fahd Elayyan. • <u>Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> At 22:20, an Israeli army jeep raided the Palestinian National Security checkpoint in Bethlehem and removed the Palestinian flag from the checkpoint. The Israeli army also raided the Palestinian Police station in the city of Bethlehem.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bal'a, searched vehicles and arrested 2 civilians, including 1 officer. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Shuweika and obstructed movement of traffic. (iii) At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road and detained 2 vehicles transporting vegetables. Israeli Special Forces later used the vehicles to enter the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 13:10, Israeli army jeeps raided the city of Tulkarem and Dahiyat Shuweika. At 15:30, the Israeli army again raided the city, forced entry into 1 civilian house and destroyed the entire contents of the house, destroyed a Palestinian Authority vehicle and imposed curfew along Khaduri College Street at 18:10. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ramin and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 01:00, an Israeli army jeep raided the town of Attil. (iv) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp and used explosives to demolish 1 house belonging to political prisoner Ahmad Sari. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 18:45, Israeli combat aircraft patrolled the skies over the district and carried out military exercises. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians at Bal'a checkpoint: (i) Muhammad Abu Sbeit; and (ii) Ahmad Musa Suleiman. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the town of Ramin: (iii) Ahmad Muhammad Suleiman.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint located at the junction leading to the villages of Salem, Deir Al Hatab and Azmut, preventing civilians from entering the area and forcing them to travel south to Beit Furik checkpoint, located 8 kilometres from the village of Azmut. The Israeli army continues to prevent food supplies and fuel from entering the village. The Israeli army prevented students and teachers from reaching their schools and obstructed the passage of patients to hospitals. The Israeli army notified civilians aged between 16 and 35 that they must obtain a permit in order to cross the checkpoint. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp, searched student dormitories, arrested 2 civilians from Balata refugee camp and opened indiscriminate fire in the old city of Nablus. (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Beit Furik. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhammad Nasasra; and (ii) Raed Subuh. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Jamil Fa'ur; and (iv) Thaer Hashash. • House Demolition: At 02:00, the Israeli army demolished 1 civilian house in the village of Madama belonging to Yamin Faraj. • Destruction of Property: Israeli army bulldozers demolished 6 livestock barracks located east of the town of Aqraba.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: At 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Arrub refugee camp and forced students to strip from the waist up for searches. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the towns of Dura and Al Dhahiriya. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the neighbourhood of Issa in the city of Hebron and arrested 2 civilians. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army arrested Is-haq Ismael Hushiya, a Palestinian Police officer, at a checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Yatta. The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Hebron: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Naser Masoud; and (iii) Nihad Al Sharabati. • Settlement Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Karma'el, located east of the town of Yatta, erected several cement barricades in preparation for the

	<p>establishment of a new settler outpost near the settlement. This follows the recent levelling of approximately 10 <i>dunums</i> (2.5 acres) of land belonging to the town of Yatta by Israeli settlers.</p> <p>(ii) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Majdal Uzi took over and enclosed with fences 13 <i>dunums</i> (3.25 acres) of land belonging to the town of Beit Ummar, located east of the settlement, in preparation for construction of new housing units.</p>
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance (the only entrance) to the city and detained vehicles. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. The closure continues to negatively impact education, economic and livelihood activities and impede access to health facilities. • <u>Raid:</u> At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya, searched 1 house, severely beat several civilians and arrested 2 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Iyad Qatqat Odeh; and (ii) Ala' Al Aqra'.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the city of Salfit and the village of Bruqin, searched vehicles and examined passenger IDs. (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians. • <u>Attack:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Tel Irsal towards Wadi Abdul Rahman.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Erez crossing was closed.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The junction of Nitsareem remains closed. • <u>Air Attack:</u> At 17:50, Israeli army helicopters fired missiles at 1 house in the city of Gaza, destroying the house, killing 2 civilians and injuring 14 others, including 3 children, one of whom is 3 years old. • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 2 civilians in an air attack in Gaza city:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Husani Al Sarafiti; and (ii) Naser Yasin.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Land Levelling:</u> At 04:40, the Israeli army, including 1 APC and bulldozers, raided the eastern area of Al Maghazi refugee camp and levelled agricultural land.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) was open to pedestrians. (iv) Abu Holi road was closed at 10:00. The Israeli army searched vehicles and arrested 3 civilians. At 14:40, the Israeli army closed the road again and arrested another 3 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians on Abu Holi road. Only 1 civilian has been identified as of yet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Husam Al Laham.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Gaza International Airport remains closed. (ii) The Israeli army closed the Sufa crossing. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 2 APCs and 1 bulldozer, raided the area west of Salah Ad Din gate, entering 50 meters into Palestinian Territory, and opened intensive fire towards civilian houses, injuring 1 female civilian. (ii) At 01:40, the Israeli army, supported by APCs, raided the city of Rafah. Israeli helicopters fired missiles towards civilian houses, killing 4 civilians, including 2 children, and injuring 10 others. • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed 4 civilians in the city of Rafah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Abu Nahel; (ii) Faraj Abu Jazar; (iii) Misbah Wafi, 14 years old; and (iv) Ala Engili, child.