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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 March 2005 – 08:00 17 March 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	7	—	7	Incl. 4 civilians severely beaten
Injuries	5	—	5	Incl. 4 in Saffa during demonstration
Attacks	5	5	10	Incl. 2 during raids & 6 from posts
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 4 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Over Bal'a and Nur Shams RC
Arrests (per person)	10	—	10	Incl. 4 children and 1 female civilian
Detentions	7	1	8	Incl. at checkpoints
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. shops and barracks demolished
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	170 <i>dunums</i> in Tura Al Gharbiya
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 2 in Ramallah & 3 in Salfit
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 2 partially
Closure of Wall Gates	(All)	—	(All)	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	Incl. 2 partially open
Attack on Religious Sites	2	—	2	Incl. 1 mosque raided in Hebron
School Disruption	1	—	1	Students & teachers delayed
Settler Violence	5	—	5	Incl. civilians denied access to land
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	2	3	Incl. 1 officer arrested in Al Khadr
Construction of Mil. Posts	—	1	1	1 watchtower erected
Palestinian Attacks	1	1	2	Incl. open fire towards Israeli army
Pal. Security Measures	—	2	2	Attempt to open fire blocked
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Saffa against the Wall
TOTAL	105	15	120	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beginning on 11 November 2004, following the official announcement of the death of President Yasser Arafat, the Israeli army continues to impose a total closure on the West Bank, preventing civilians and workers from crossing the Green Line.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to impose strict restrictions at checkpoints set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and dispatched patrols to prevent civilians from other districts from entering the city. The Israeli army continues to close Ar Ram junction leading to the town of Bir Nabala. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks, completely preventing civilians from crossing. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat Al Aqbat, the villages of Hizma and 'Anata, the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya, near Al Quds University, the area of Ash Shayyah, in the town of As Sawahira Ash Sharqiya, the village of Beit Surik, and in the section of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina. Checkpoints: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya and An Nabi Samwil checkpoints and obstructed civilian movement, allegedly to conduct thorough searches. Arrest: At 21:20, the Israeli army arrested Sawsan Jamal Mahmoud, a female civilian, in the city of Jerusalem, allegedly because she did not possess a permit to enter the city.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 11:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the city of Ramallah and the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 22:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the village of Kobar and patrolled the area. At 22:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Ramallah, searched a number of houses in the neighbourhood of Um Ash Sharayet, and withdrew at 00:15.

	<p>(iii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 03:00.</p> <p>(iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Al Am'ari refugee camp and arrested 3 individuals, including 1 Palestinian National Security officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The 3 civilians reported to have been arrested by the Israeli army yesterday in the village of Al Mughayyir were identified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Samer Munir Abu I'layan; (ii) Tamer Munir Abu I'layan; and (iii) Fu'ad Mahmoud I'layan. (iv) The Israeli army arrested 3 individuals in Al Am'ari refugee camp, including Ali Fawwal. <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the village of Saffa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Zaki Mohammed Zaki; (vi) Iyad Mohammed As Sa'di, and (vii) Ahmed 'Alqam. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: Israeli settlers from the settlement of Nahaliel, which is located near the village of Beitillu, severely beat, and injured, 3 civilians working inside the settlement, after which they were transported to Ramallah Public Hospital. • Demonstration: At 11:45, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Saffa in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians. The Israeli army also severely beat 3 civilians and arrested 3 children.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fahma, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian Police officer. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Al Yamun and the village of Kafr Dan and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid/Palestinian Attack: At 22:00, Israeli Special Forces raided the village of Kafr Dan. Armed Palestinian individuals exchanged fire with the Israeli army. At 23:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 13 March 2005, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Nu'man Abu Al Heija (in an unidentified location). (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at entrance to

	<p>the village of Fahma arrested ‘Azzam Jubara, a Palestinian Police captain.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> Israeli army bulldozers demolished a number of shops and barracks in the area of Al Jalama north of the city of Jenin, allegedly because they were built without the required licenses. • <u>Land Confiscation:</u> Israeli authorities issued an order confiscating 170 <i>dunums</i> (42.5 acres) of civilian land located behind the Wall in the village of Tura Al Gharbiya.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close ‘Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Bal’a and the village of ‘Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Dahiyat Iktaba in the city of Tulkarem and patrolled the area. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. The Israeli army also arrested 1 child. At 01:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 10:30, Israeli army helicopters patrolled the skies over the area between the town of Bal’a and Nur Shams refugee camp. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Mahmoud Ghaleb Fuqaha, 17 years old, in the town of Bal’a.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates/School Disruption:</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 intensified its restrictions at the Wall gate set up at the entrance to the village of ‘Azzun ‘Atma, allegedly to conduct thorough searches, thereby delaying students and teachers from reaching their school on time. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and patrolled the area until 02:00. (ii) At 01:45, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the town of ‘Azzun, set up a checkpoint between the towns of ‘Azzun and Kafr Thulth, and searched civilians and vehicles.

<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location over At Tur Mount towards civilian houses in the area of Adh Dahiya in the city of Nablus. • <u>Raid:</u> At 00:10, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until 02:20. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 19:20, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on Za'tara junction arrested Ahmed Yousef 'Asas. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 11:25, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Gilead chased civilians while they were tending their sheep on their land west of the village of Till.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up flying checkpoints along the Trans-Samaria Highway and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented civilians from crossing. The Israeli army only permitted residents of the city of Jericho to enter the city. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the settlement of Yitav north of the village of Al 'Auja and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 18:00, security control over the district of Jericho was transferred to the Palestinian National Authority.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu'man, northeast of the Bethlehem district, isolating the village and placing it, together with the adjacent village of Al Khas, under the jurisdiction of the Jerusalem municipality. The Israeli army considers the civilian presence in the villages illegal. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall continues north of the district of Bethlehem, along 'Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 civilian for several hours. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr. At 19:40, the Israeli army raided the town again, set up a checkpoint near 1 Palestinian National Security location, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer. At 21:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 00:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> A group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Daniel in south-western Bethlehem district detained engineers from the Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committees and a number of civilians at gunpoint for an extended period of time. The engineers and civilians were released at a later time.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Al Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh in the area of H2 in the city of Hebron with cement blocks and barbed wire, denying access for civilians and vehicles. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues west of the towns of Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> At 17:40, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the entrances to the city of Hebron, closed the checkpoints set up in the area of Al Fahs and at the southern entrance to the city of Hebron near the settlement of Hagai, and detained civilians at both sides of the checkpoints. At 18:10, the 2 checkpoints were reopened. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nabi Yunis in the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • <u>Raids/Destruction of Property/Attack on Religious Sites:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, Israeli Special Forces raided the village of Deir Samit west of the town of Dura and destroyed 2 civilian vehicles while patrolling the area. (ii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, raided 1 mosque along As Salaam Street while worshippers were performing morning prayers, detained them inside, and recorded the ID numbers of a number of worshippers. (iii) The Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched a number of houses after detaining their residents outside. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Dura, set up checkpoints in several neighbourhoods, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack on Religious Sites:</u> The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the entrance to the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron and forced worshippers to lift their shirts in order to undergo searches. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 24:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at Suleiman Matariyah while he was driving his vehicle in the old city of Hebron, leaving him with injuries. (ii) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Kiryat Arba' prevented civilians from accessing their agricultural land near the settlement.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. • Attack/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 15:05, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 Palestinian National Security location north of Sheikh 'Ajlin junction south of Gaza city, allegedly while conducting military training.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Palestinian Security Measures: At 13:45, a Palestinian security patrol managed to prevent an armed Palestinian individual from opening fire towards the settlement of Kissufim. However, Palestinian officers failed to arrest the individual (after chasing him).
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajlin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is partially open. (iv) Abu Holi road in open. At 14:55, the Israeli army closed Salah Ad Din road and placed cement blocks between Abu Holi and Al Matahin checkpoints. At 16:50, the road was reopened. (v) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (vi) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vii) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:45, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 towards a number of children in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. At 18:40, the Israeli army opened fire again towards civilian houses. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards 1 Palestinian security patrol while it was on its way to evacuate a number of children from the area near Point 185 on the Green Line east of the village of Khuza'a (in coordination with the Israeli army). • Construction of Military Posts: At 15:40, the Israeli army erected 1 military watchtower along Salah Ad Din road between Al Matahin and Abu Holi checkpoints. • Palestinian Attack: At 00:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Gadid. However, the mortar did not explode.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Al Mawasi/Rafah road is partially open. (iii) Sufa Crossing is partially open to construction cargo only. • Attack: At 20:20, the Israeli army detonated explosives and fired flares between Points 6 and 9 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border. • Palestinian Security Measures: At 01:30, Palestinian security forces discovered 1 tunnel in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp.
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GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Israeli Army Measures Against Political Prisoners: Nafhah Prison administration intensified oppressive measures against 740 political prisoners held in the prison. Israeli troops raided the prisoners' cells and thoroughly searched their personal belongings, allegedly in search of mobile phones. The prison administration also declared that it plans to relocate all political prisoners from the Gaza Strip to Asqalan Prison. • Relocation of Political Prisoners: The administration of Ketziot Military Detention Camp notified political prisoners that it plans to relocate them to 10 sections that had been recently constructed. The new sections are fortified and surrounded with an 8m. high cement wall, with a barbed wire fence on top of it. The new sections have a capacity for 1,200 prisoners.
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