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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 March 2006 – 08:00 17 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	2 civilians severely beaten in Hebron
Injuries	3	—	3	Incl. 2 children
Attacks	6	3	9	Incl. 4 from posts & 1 by a naval boat
Raids	19	1	20	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 1 in Rafah
Arrests	21	—	21	Incl. 2 children & 2 security officers
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Wall Construction	28	—	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Beita in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	2	—	2	Incl. 'Einav & 'Ein Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 3 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	24	—	24	Incl. entrance to Al 'Arrub RC
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Palestinian Attack	1	—	1	Open fire towards 'Atara checkpoint
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against raid on Jericho's civil prison
TOTAL	143	10	153	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army extended the complete closure it has imposed over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts since 11 March 2006 due to Jewish holidays. The Israeli army has also continued to prevent civilians, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem, only allowing VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination. The closure will last until 18 March 2006.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<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 and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala northwest of the city of Jerusalem with cement blocks. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib. (ii) On 03 March 2006, the Israeli High Court issued a precautionary decision to suspend Wall construction around the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim on land belonging to the towns of Abu Dis and As Sawahira ash Sharqiya for a period of 14 days. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians from the Ambassador Hotel in the city of Jerusalem, after preventing a number of civil society organisations from holding a conference in the hotel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Jiddu; (ii) Hani al 'Isawi; (iii) Abdul Lateef Ghaith; (iv) Khaled Abu 'Arafeh; (v) Omar Da'na; and (vi) Ya'qoub 'Odeh.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access until 10:25. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the villages of Abu Falah and Al Mughayyir and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 14:50, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section adjacent to the neighbourhood of Um ash Sharayet in the city of El Bireh opened fire towards a number of children, injuring 2 children. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:05, the Israeli army, including 2 children, raided the town of Beit Rima, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 10:00. (ii) At 11:15, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, set up a checkpoint on the junction to the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 18:05, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled the area until 23:40. (iii) At 14:20, the Israeli army raided the village of 'Abwein and arrested 4 civilians, including 2 children. (iv) At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the village of 'Abwein: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Qussay Mohammed Salah, 15 years old; (ii) Saher Samhan Barakat, 15 years old; (iii) Qais Ahmed Anees; and (iv) Firas Ahmed Ameen. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 23:35, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town 'Atara.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning at 05:30, the Israeli army remained positioned in the city of Jenin and arrested 1 civilian, in addition to those reported yesterday. At 10:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

	<p>(ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) On 15 March 2006, the Israeli army arrested Sultan Mustafa 'Abed inside the Green Line.</p> <p>(ii) At 00:30 on 16 March 2006, the Israeli army arrested Rimah Mahmoud al 'Azab, a Palestinian National Security officer, during its raid on the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp.</p> <p>(iii) At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint arrested Mohammed Jamal Jaradat, claiming that he attempted to stab an Israeli soldier.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Tawfeeq Qandeel in the city of Jenin.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads connecting the town of Bal'a to Dahiyat Iktaba, the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the town of Deir al Ghusun to the town of 'Attil. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav on the road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Nablus, denying access to civilian vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to impede civilian access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Bal'a, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 1 Palestinian Preventive Security officer.</p> <p>(ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the village of Al Jarushiya and the other at the entrance to Jubara tunnel, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Attil, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian.</p> <p>(ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area between the towns of 'Anabta and Bal'a.</p> <p>(iii) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the town of Bal'a arrested Natheer Mohammed Badran, a Palestinian Preventive Security officer.</p>

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdul Majeed 'Uweinat in the town of 'Attil.</p>
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (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 village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: At 19:55, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one near the DCO offices at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and the other at the southern entrance to the city (Habla tunnel), and searched civilians and vehicles.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting the villages of Odala and Beita with dirt barricades. (iii) At 09:30, the Israeli army closed the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. • Attacks: (i) At 13:20, Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint opened fire towards and injured Mansour Mohammed Shteivi, while he was driving a taxi. (ii) At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol positioned at the entrance to the village of Salim opened fire towards a hill east of 'Askar refugee camp. • Raids/Curfew: (i) At 08:15, the Israeli army, including 10 jeeps, raided the village of Beita and imposed curfew. (ii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched 2 houses, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 03:45. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Dawoud Wael al Ashqar in the city of Nablus.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades. The road has been closed since the beginning of the current <i>Intifada</i> (Uprising).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda and the road connecting the town of Deir Istiya to the village of Haris. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik with cement cements. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close Deir Ballut checkpoint overnight and open it at various morning hours. The Israeli army also prevents civilians from crossing eastwards towards 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 near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, 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. • Raids: At 16:55, an Israeli army patrol raided the villages of 'Ammuriya and Khirbet Qeis and patrolled the area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army intensified the closure imposed over the district of Jericho. Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja continues to be closed with cement blocks. The Israeli army prevents farmers not holding Jericho ID cards from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also impedes civilian movement into the city of Jericho, except for Jericho ID holders and civilians possessing permits to cross checkpoints. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus, impeding civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the entrance to the village of 'Ein Ad Duyuk on the road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, to search civilians and vehicles, and to deny civilian access in both directions between 20:00 and 05:00 on a daily basis. (iii) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho, impeding civilian access. • Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access.
BETHLEHEM	<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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues north of 'Ayda refugee camp towards the area north of the city of Beit Jala and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • <u>Raid:</u> At 18:10, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala and patrolled the area. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:55, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Bethlehem in protest against the Israeli army's raid on the civil prison in Al Muqata'a in the city of Jericho and arrest of Ahmed Sa'adat, the Secretary General of the People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protesters, while they were marching towards the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb).
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and barbed wire Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh and with an iron gate the old gold market, all in the H2 section of the city of Hebron, denying access to civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army continues to implement a military order to close civilian commercial shops on both sides of the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron from 06 November 2005 until 07 May 2006. Civilian vehicles are prohibited from travelling along the road unless they possess access permits. Only Israeli settler vehicles are allowed unrestricted access on the road. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with a dirt barricade the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino in the old city of Hebron, in addition to the iron gate that has been set up in the area. (iv) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the area of Al Khan in the old city of Hebron with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades 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, and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp with cement blocks. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of the town of Surif to Beit Ula, in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the village of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa'.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 08:30, and again at 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 3 civilians. • <u>Raids/Detention/Physical Assaults:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Qeizun, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched a number of houses in the area of Wadi al Hariya after detaining residents. The Israeli army also severely beat 2 civilians. (iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit ‘Awwa and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of Halhul arrested 3 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mu’tassem Mahmoud Jawabreh; (ii) Mu’tassem Mohammed Abu Wardeh; and (iii) Kamel Dahshan ‘Uweidhat. (iv) The Israeli army arrested Bassam Jameel Masalmeh in the town of Beit ‘Awwa.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the evening of 11 March 2006, the Israeli army re-intensified the closure it has imposed on the Gaza Strip since 16 December 2005 ostensibly due to Jewish holidays and Palestinian individuals’ firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements, in the district of Northern Gaza. The Israeli army has also warned that civilians would put their lives in danger if they enter the designated area. • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, and Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:00, the Israeli army opened fire and fired 1 flare from Point 206 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory north of Sufa Crossing. (ii) At 02:00, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah. • Raid: At 16:50, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 bulldozer, raided Palestinian territory adjacent to the Green Line near Sufa Crossing.
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GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 10,406 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure. • Gaza Strip: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,223 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.
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