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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 March 2005 – 08:00 18 March 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	5	—	5	Incl. 4 civilians beaten by settlers
Injuries	2	1	3	Incl. 1 child in the village of Saffa
Attacks	6	4	10	Incl. 1 during raid & 6 from posts
Raids	22	—	22	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance over Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	7	5	12	Incl. 8 children and 2 officers
Detentions	12	—	12	Incl. peace activists at a checkpoint
Wall Construction	20	—	20	Incl. Jer., Jenin, Ram'lah, Beth., Salfit
House Occupation	1	—	1	In the old city of Hebron
Curfews	4	—	4	Incl. Huwwara, Bardala, and Kardala
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 4 in Tulkarem & 4 in Bethlehem
Closure (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. Jerusalem & Jericho (partially)
Closure of Main Roads	(Unidentified)	(9)	—	Incl. 1 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	1	—	1	1 mosque raided in Hebron
Settlement Activity	—	1	1	Barbed wire fence erected
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. 2 civilians run over in Nablus
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 unidentified mortar fired
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	1	1 tunnel demolished
Demonstration	—	1	1	In Al Bureij RC supporting prisoners
TOTAL	107	18	125	

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.
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 Checkpoint: At 23:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at 01:10. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 18:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Saffa. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 2 civilians, including 1 child. At 01:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, set up a checkpoint in the neighbourhood of Um Ash Sharayet, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. At 07:05, the Israeli army, including 13 jeeps, raided the city again and patrolled several neighbourhoods. The Israeli army raided the town of Silwad and arrested 2 high school students, including 1 child.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Silwad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Marwan Ahmed Faraj, 17 years old; and (ii) Subhi Imad Shawareh.
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. • Raid/Curfew: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the villages of Bardala, Kardala, and 'Ein Al Beida, imposed curfew, and searched civilian houses after forcing civilians between the ages of 14 and 40 to gather in the yard of each village. At 02:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav gate, which controls the road between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, preventing civilian vehicles from crossing. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at 'Einav gate checkpoint between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, obstructing civilian movement. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the village of Al Jarushiya and Dahiyat Shuweika and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the villages of Kafr Jammal and Kafr Sur, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement until 16:00. (iii) At 19:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Ras Rummana and searched civilians and vehicles until 00:30. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:45, an Israeli army patrol raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and searched 1 house. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Dahiyat Shuweika and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 20:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of 'Anabta. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem and searched 1 house after detaining its residents. At 01:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 02:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided Nur Shams refugee camp, searched a number of houses, and arrested 3

	<p>individuals, including 1 Palestinian Police officer and 1 National Security officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 individuals in Nur Shams refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Shams Ad Din Ghureiqah, a Palestinian Police officer; (ii) Ahmed ‘Adnan Abdullah, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (iii) Mohammed Mahmoud Masharqah.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road, searched civilian vehicles, and detained a number of civilians under the age of 30.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 19:50, 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. • Raids/Curfew: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Zawata, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the village, searched civilian vehicles, and patrolled the area. (ii) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara, imposed curfew, and patrolled the area. • Arrests: On 17 March 2005, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested 2 children: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Fat’hi Jad Allah, 17 years old; and (ii) Hikmat ‘Anabtawi, 17 years old. • Settler Violence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:45, a group of Israeli settlers severely beat and injured Nawwaf ‘Ayesh Ahmed Hanani, a truck driver, in the area between the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan. The Israeli army requested a Palestinian ambulance to transport him to hospital for treatment. <p>At 20:00, an Israeli settler’s vehicle ran over 2 civilians near the village of Az Zawiya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Yousef ‘Adel As Safadi; and (iii) Safwan Abdul Rahim Shihadeh.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:20. • Attack: At 23:00, the Israeli army opened fire from its location over Al Irsal hill north of the city of Salfit towards Wadi Abdul Rahman. • Raid: At 12:50, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Kafr Ad Dik and

	<p>fired sound grenades towards school students. At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area.</p>
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army set up checkpoints throughout the city, closing all entrances to the city and roads connecting towns and villages, and prevented Israeli ID-card holders from entering the city.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: 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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Beit Sahur, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement. At 15:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint again and withdrew at 19:15. (ii) At 16:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Suteih Street southeast of the city of Beit Sahur, searched civilian vehicles, and obstructed civilian movement until 18:00. • Physical Assault: At 12:00, Israeli troops severely beat and injured Farhan Ar Rashayida while he was grazing sheep near the village of 'Arab Ar Rashayida in the south-eastern Bethlehem district, after which he was transported to hospital for treatment. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:40, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint in the centre of the town, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:20, and again at 18:35, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled the area until 19:00. (ii) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan and searched a number of houses. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • Detention: At 19:15, Israeli troops positioned at Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) checkpoint detained a group of international peace activists (accompanied by a number of civilians) for an extended period of time.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction continues west of the towns of Idhna and Beit 'Awwa, in the area extending from the village

	<p>of Deir Samit, the town of Beit 'Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Adh Dhahiriya, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Dura and the village of Deir Samit, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. • <u>Raids/Attack on Religious Sites:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (ii) At 18:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and raided Al Hussein Mosque after worshippers performed sunset prayers. The Israeli army also took photographs of worshippers after detaining them inside the Mosque. At 21:30, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the neighbourhood of Wadi Abu Ikteilah, detained a number of civilians, and served them summons to report to the Israeli Intelligence Service. • <u>House Occupation:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army occupied the roof of a 5-storey building near the Ibrahim Mosque in the old city of Hebron and converted it into a military post, after surrounding it with barbed wire. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Sussia, southeast of the town of Yatta, prevented civilians from ploughing their land near the settlement. (ii) A group of extremist Israeli settler students from the Jewish Religious Institute in the old city of Hebron threw stones at, and injured, Husni Abdul Hayy Abu Sufian.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open.
<p>GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 23:50, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the settlement of Nitsareem.
<p>CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 21:00, 1 Israeli army reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Central Gaza. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 20:30, a mass demonstration took place in Al Bureij refugee camp in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.

<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu Al 'Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) is closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis road (Al Tuffah checkpoint) is closed. (iv) Alon checkpoint (entrance to Al Mawasi/Khan Yunis) south of Deir Al Balah is closed. (v) Deir Al Balah junction to Abu Holi checkpoint (Kfar Darom road) is closed. (vi) Morag road, which connects Khan Yunis' eastern and western roads, is closed. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 towards Palestinian territory in Al Amal neighbourhood, allegedly because a number of children approached the security line. (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 180 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the area of Khuza'a. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army arrested 5 children near Point 143 on the Green Line, allegedly because they attempted to infiltrate into areas inside the Green Line: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Salameh Abu Sawawin, 15 years old; (ii) Mohammed Nasser Abu Mugheisib, 16 years old, (iii) Hamed Abu Mugheisib; 15 years old; (iv) Jihad 'Adel Abu Mugheisib, 16 years old; and (v) Suleiman Al Qadeem, 17 years old. • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> At 12:15, the Israeli army erected a barbed wire fence extending from the area east of Abu Holi checkpoint until the settlement of Kfar Darom.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <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. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in the neighbourhood of Yabna in Rafah refugee camp. (ii) At 16:25, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall As Sultan military post towards Palestinian territory to the east, injuring 1 civilian. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> At 15:50, Palestinian security forces demolished 1 tunnel in Al Barazil neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Israeli Army Measures Against Child Prisoners:</u> Child prisoners held in Etzion Military Detention Centre are subjected to torture and sexual harassment. Israeli troops fold the children's eyes and tie their hands and feet. During interrogation, Israeli troops release Police dogs in order to intimidate child prisoners. The administration of the detention centre also prevents child prisoners from performing prayers (including calls to prayers) and forces them to consume expired food, thereby causing deterioration in their health conditions and causing them illnesses.
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