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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 March 2006 – 08:00 18 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	1 female child in Al Yamun, Jenin
Injuries	14	—	14	Incl. 1 civilian in critical condition
Attacks	8	5	13	Incl. 22 artillery shells fired, N. Gaza
Raids	24	—	24	Incl. 5 in Bethlehem & 7 in Hebron
Air Patrols	4	—	4	Incl. over Tulkarem, 'Attil, & 'Anabta
Arrests	4	—	4	Incl. 2 children (brothers) in Qalqiliya
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. a number of Pal. security officers
House Demolition	1	—	1	A 4-storey house partially demolished
Closure of Checkpoints	2	—	2	'Einav & 'Ein Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. 3 in Tulkarem & 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	24	—	24	Incl. entrance to Beita village, Nablus
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	—	2	2	Shelling near Pal. security locations
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	A failed attempt to fire 1 mortar
Demonstrations	4	1	5	Incl. against Wall construction, Bil'in
TOTAL	120	15	135	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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ALL DISTRICTS	<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

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and in the area surrounding Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded the access of civilians to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. 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: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. Attack: At 19:55, the Israeli army fired flares over the area south of the town of Beit Rima. Raids: At 15:00, and again at 23:05, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh until 00:20. Demonstrations: At 12:20, two mass demonstrations, including international peace activists, took place in the villages of Bil'in and Beit Sira in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors in the 2 villages, during which the Israeli army injured 10 civilian protestors.

<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>Flying Checkpoint/Detention:</u> At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of ‘Aqqaba, searched civilian vehicles, detained a number of Palestinian security officers, and released them after coordination through the DCO. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol/House Demolition:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 19:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army, including 30 jeeps and 2 bulldozers, raided the town of Al Yamun, whilst combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. An armed confrontation took place between armed Palestinian individuals and the Israeli army, while it was surrounding 1 house. During the confrontation, the Israeli army killed 1 female child and injured 4 civilians, including Ahmed Mahmoud Freihat, who was in critical condition, and 1 child. The Israeli army also partially demolished a 4-storey house and withdrew at 01:00. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Akaber Abdul Rahman Zayed, a 12-year-old female child, in the town of Al Yamun. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 15:00, the Israeli army arrested Maher Mahmoud Yaseen Zeid in the village of Tura ash Sharqiya.
<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint south of the city of Tulkarem and to impede civilian access. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 08:50, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints: on the junction to the town of Bal’a; on the junction to the village of Ash Sha’rawiya; and at the entrance of Jubara tunnel. The Israeli army searched civilian vehicles and impeded civilian access.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Attil, whilst 2 combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the area. At 23:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 22:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of ‘Anabta and patrolled the area until 23:00. • <u>Air Patrols:</u> At 21:30, 2 Israeli army combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the city of Tulkarem and the town of ‘Anabta.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</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 continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 17:30, and again at 07:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the area of Al Marj north of the city of Qalqiliya. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 2 children (brothers). (ii) At 07:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 children in the area of Al Marj north of the city of Qalqiliya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ‘Uday Taleb ash Shobaki, 16 years old; and (ii) Samer Taleb ash Shobaki, 14 years old. • <u>Detention:</u> At 21:20, the Israeli army detained 11 civilians near the settlement of Imanuel, while they were searching for their lost sheep in the area.
NABLUS	<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 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) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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). (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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Yasuf until 14:35. (ii) At 20:55, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Haris. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Kafr ad Dik and Bruqin.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ol 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: Israeli troops positioned on Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge arrested Ihab Mousa Jalouli while he was travelling to Jordan. • Demonstration: At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Jericho in protest against the Israeli army's raid on the Palestinian 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 (PFLP), and Fu'ad ash Shobaki, a Palestinian Brigadier General.
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. • 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 was suspended for the weekend 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ush Ghrab military post on the road to the town of Za'tara and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:50, and again at 15:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the town of Al Khadr, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:00. (ii) At 10:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Sahur and patrolled the area. (iii) At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area until 16:00. (iv) At 22:00, the Israeli army, including 15 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of 'Arab ar Rashayida. • Demonstration: At 12:40, 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, PFLP Secretary General. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilian protestors, while they were marching towards the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb).
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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

	<p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</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 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 was suspended for the weekend 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'. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis leading to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Hebron, set up a checkpoint in the area of Qeizun, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Ras al Jora, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city for the third time and patrolled the area. (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Turrama and searched a number of houses after detaining residents. (iii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Taffuh. (v) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Burj, searched a number of houses, and detained residents outside.
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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.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. • Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:55, the Israeli army fired 4 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location north of the town of Beit Lahiya. (ii) Between 09:00 and 09:30, the Israeli army fired 11 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory near 1 Palestinian National Security location and near Al Qarya al Badawiya north of the town of Beit Lahiya. (iii) At 11:10, the Israeli army fired 7 artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya. • Palestinian Attack: At 19:50, armed Palestinian individuals failed to fire 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line. The mortar exploded in the area where it was to be launched, killing 2 armed Palestinian individuals.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 17:00, a mass demonstration took place in Al Bureij refugee camp 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, PFLP Secretary General.
<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"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (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. • Attack: At 18:10, Israeli naval boats opened fire towards the beach of the city of Rafah.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>West Bank:</u> 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.• <u>Gaza Strip:</u> 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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