

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 March 2010 – 08:00 18 March 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	6	—	6	Incl. 4 children and 1 journalist
Attacks	11	2	13	Incl. 10 in confrontations & 2 by posts
Raids	23	—	23	Incl. 7 in Nablus and 5 in Bethlehem
Arrests (per person)	22	—	22	Incl. 8 children and 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	14	—	14	Incl. 3 children and 1 Pal. security officer
Wall Construction	22	—	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	30	—	30	Incl. 7 in Qalqiliya and 11 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya villages
Closure of Main Roads	40	—	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	4	4	3 crossing points partially open
School Disruption	3	—	3	2 schools & 1 kindergarten closed
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Civilians beaten and stoned
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	16	1	17	Incl. against attacks on holy sties
TOTAL	205	8	213	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Beginning on 11 March 2010, the Israeli army has continued to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. The Israeli army also set up checkpoints at all roads leading to the old city of Jerusalem, denied civilian access, and continued to impose severe restrictions at checkpoints set up a entrance to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Having allowed access to civilians above 50 years of age to perform afternoon prayers through the Remission and Chain Gates and closed all other gates leading to the Mosque. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers on streets. For the 6th consecutive days, the Israeli authorities have continued to disrupt classes at Al Aqsa Secondary Girls School, Ash Shari'ya Secondary Boys School, and Al Aqsa Islamic Kindergarten, which are located on grounds of the Al Aqsa Mosque compound. (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction). (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and has designated a special crossing for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. • Raid/Injury: At 22:30, the Israeli army raided Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. The Israeli army also arrested another civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 16 March 2010, Israeli troops arrested at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Mohammed Suleiman Abu Isma'il, 17 years old. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Rami Akram 'Isa Jubran in Shu'fat refugee camp.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 17 March 2010, mass demonstrations took place in Shu'fat refugee camp and in Ras al 'Amud neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors. (ii) At 16:00, a mass demonstration took place near Qalandiya checkpoint north of the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between the villages of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – 'Ein Samiya. (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and denied civilian access until 11:50. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Dura al Qar'. (ii) At 23:20, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Abud. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire, claiming that a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at an Israeli patrol near the junction to the town.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstrations:</u> (i) At 10:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beit Rima in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. (ii) At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. (iii) At 11:20, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Al Mughayyir in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Ash Shuhada'. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 09:30, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the town of 'Arraba in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al 'Aqaba on Wadi al Malih road (connecting the district of Tubas to the area of the Northern Jordan Valley) and searched civilians and vehicles until 18:30. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a and patrolled the area until 02:15.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:35. (v) At 12:25, and again at 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the entrance to the village of ‘Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit, searched civilians and vehicles, detained Manar Khouli, a Palestinian Presidential Guard, and released him after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO),. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of ‘Azzun ‘Atma. (ii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Azzun, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians, including a child. • Arrests: At 13:40, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate near the town of Habla arrested 2 civilians, while they were attempting to gain access to their workplace inside the Green Line: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Rami ‘Atiyyeh; and (ii) Ubaydah ‘Atiyyeh. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of ‘Azzun:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Sa’f Tayseer Saleem, 15 years old; (iv) Abdul Karim Sa’id Saleem; (v) ‘Uday Sa’id Salameh; and (vi) Seif Badwan Ali Badwan. • Detentions: At 17:55, the Israeli army detained 3 children near the village of An Nabi Elyas, allegedly for throwing stones at Israeli settler vehicles travelling along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road and released them at 18:15. • Demonstrations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:40, a number of school teachers and students held a sit-in demonstration at the entrance to the Wall gate leading to the village of Ras ‘Atiya in protest against Israeli troops, who force them to cross through a metal detector.

	<p>(ii) At 10:30, a mass demonstration, including female students, took place in the village of Sanniriya in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gate: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only between 07:00 and 02:00. (ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Madama. (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Beit Imrin. (iii) At 23:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Aqraba. (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beita and arrested 3 children. (v) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Talluza. (vi) At 02:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabalan and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: At 17:15, the Israeli army arrested 3 children on the Nablus-Ramallah main road in the area between the villages of As Sawiya and Al Lubban ash Sharqiya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Akram Abdul Karim Ahmed Samarah, 16 years old; (ii) Iyad Mahmoud Kayed Sammour, 15 years old; and

	<p>(iii) Sammour Mahmoud Kayed Sammour, 14 years old. The Israeli army arrested 3 children in the town of Beita:</p> <p>(iv) Mahir Fawzi Ahmed Hamayel, 17 years old;</p> <p>(v) Ahmed 'Aref Saleh Hamayel, 16 years old; and</p> <p>(vi) Layth Mohammed Saleh Hamayel, 16 years old.</p> <p>(vii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Qasem Az'ar in the town of Qabalan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Settler Violence: At 08:00, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Itamar beat a number of civilians, while they were working on their land in the village of Deir al Hatab. • Demonstrations/Injuries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the town of Beita in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 3 children. (ii) At 12:00, a mass sit-in demonstration took place in the centre of the city of Nablus in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:40. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 24:00. • Raid: At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Marda and patrolled the area until 16:40. • Demonstration: At 08:00, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the town of Beit Rima in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in Jerusalem. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al ‘Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. At 10:00, the Israeli army installed an iron gate on the road. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al ‘Auja along Al-Mu’arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al ‘Auja.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 <i>dunums</i> (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu’ to the village of Khirbet al Baq’a. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Battir and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the villages of Abu Nujeim and Wadi Rahhal. (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Fajjar. (iv) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem, searched a number of houses, and served summonses to 2 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Husan: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yousef Yasser Sabatin; and (ii) Mohammed ‘Adnan ‘Abed Sabatin. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada’ Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, controlling civilian access in the area. (ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa’; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab’a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al ‘Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60. • Flying Checkpoints/Detention: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints on the junctions to the village of Zif and Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. At 14:00, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and detained 2 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian General Intelligence officer. (iii) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the village of Kharsa and the other near the village of Al ‘Asja, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the towns of Beit Kahil and Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.

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| | <p>(v) At 08:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of As Samoa' and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(vi) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(vii) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at entrance to the area of Fahs south of the city of Hebron and searched civilian vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/House Occupation/Injury:</u> <p>(i) At 13:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, occupied the roof of a house, and converted it into a military post. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 child.</p> <p>(ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kharsa.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of Halhul arrested 2 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mazen Abu Zein, a Palestinian General Intelligence officer; (ii) Anis Zaki 'Isa; and (iii) Sharif al Hawarin. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 22:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilians in the old city of Hebron. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. • <u>Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:</u> <p>(i) At 09:00, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the town of Tarqumiya in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(ii) At 09:00, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the town of Beit Kahil in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors at the entrance to the town.</p> <p>(iii) At 09:20, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the town of Halhul in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors near the overpass leading to the town.</p> <p>(iv) At 10:40, a mass demonstration took place in the area of Az Zahed in the old city of Hebron in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 1 journalist. A number of participants also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p> |
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of ‘Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt. • Violations of the Ceasefire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards civilian houses and property in the districts of Northern Gaza and Gaza. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • Attack: In the morning of 17 March 2010, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing opened intensive fire towards a number of workers in the Beit Hanun (Erez) Industrial Zone north of the town of Beit Hanun. • Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 17 March 2010, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja’iya (Nahal ‘Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. • Attack: In the morning of 17 March 2010, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing on the Green Line opened intensive fire towards participants in a mass demonstration against buffer zones, to which the Israeli army denies access to landlords and farmers.
<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.

RAFAH	<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.(ii) Rafah (Al ‘Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to 370 civilians stranded on the Egyptian border as well as to ill civilians, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals. In addition, 3 civilians were allowed to leave the Gaza Strip through the Crossing.(iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.(iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, diesel allocated for the Gaza Electricity Generation Station, and cooking gas. Also, 3 truckloads of flowers were allowed to be exported through the Crossing.
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