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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 17th March 2012 – 08:00, 18th March 2012

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	1 in Ramallah during confrontations with Israeli forces.
Physical Assault	6	—	6	Israeli forces rammed their jeep into a residential vehicle, injuring 3 residents in Ramallah and assaulted 3 demonstrators during clashes in Hebron.
Detentions	2	—	2	1 in Jerusalem and 1 in Qalqilya
Temporary Detention	12	—	12	At checkpoints and residential areas.
Raids	13	—	13	4 in Ramallah, 1 in Jenin, 1 in Tulkarem, 1 in Qalqilya, 1 in Nablus, 2 in Jericho, 2 in Bethlehem and 1 in Hebron.
Closure of Checkpoints	10	—	10	Access allowed at 3 checkpoints & impeded at 7 others.
Flying Checkpoints	30	—	30	2 in Jerusalem, 2 in Ramallah, 1 in Jenin, 2 in Tulkarem, 10 in Qalqilya, 2 in Nablus, 1 in Salfit, 4 in Jericho, 3 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron.
Attacks	2	3	5	2 during confrontations, 1 from military post, 2 from naval vessels, including artillery.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	Israeli forces damaged a vehicle after ramming it in Ramallah.
Wall Construction	—	—	—	Wall construction suspended in all areas because of Sabbath weekend.
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. 2 in Bethlehem, 1 in Jerusalem & 5 in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	66	—	66	3 in Jerusalem, 3 in Ramallah, 1 in Jenin, 4 in Tulkarem, 2 in Qalqilya, 9 in Nablus, 3 in Salfit, 1 in Jericho, 21 in Bethlehem, 19 in Hebron.
Closure of Crossings	—	6	6	Beit Hanoun crossing open.
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Israeli settlers chased and assaulted a shepherd in Nablus.
Demonstrations	1	—	1	Demonstrations against settlements, construction of the wall, closures and confiscation of property.

TOTAL	153	9	162	
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DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Since January 13th 2012, the Israeli army increased its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrance to Jerusalem city, set up several flying checkpoints on the main road leading to the city entrance and the entrance to the Old City. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the ‘demarcation area’ along the Wall in the area surrounding occupied East Jerusalem and restricts access to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beitlksa villages. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt mounds the entrance to Jaba’ village. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the gate along the Wall section separating the area of Dahiyat Al-Bareed from Al-Ram town. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beitlksa village and forces civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a “border crossing point” and designate a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and another for those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. (ii) At 13:30, Israeli forces continue to close the entrance to the Shofat refugee camp with cement blocks, which will impede the free flow of traffic in Ras Khamis, Ras Shihadeh and Salam neighbourhood in Anata and Shofat refugee camp in Jerusalem. • <u>Detention:</u> On March 17th 2012, Israeli forces detained Mazen Odeh in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Al-Shayyah road in the area between Al-Sawahira Al-Sharqiya and Al-Sawahira Al-Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction is suspended in the areas north and south of Qalandiya village; south of Al-Za’ayyem village; and in Wadi Al-Eizariya west of the illegal settlement Ma’ale Adumim because of the Sabbath holiday.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & AL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:50, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint between Ni'lin and Deir Qidies village. (ii) At 00:45, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint near Atara bridge. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:30, Israeli forces raided Ramalah and Al-Bireh cities, damaged a vehicle after an Israeli military Jeep rammed into it leaving Ahmad Husni, Sultan Salah Al-Din and Maher Al-Nabulsi hospitalised with contusions. Israeli forces also summoned Ahmad Al-Harish, Mohammad Al-Harish and Darwish Al-Dahdar to report to Israeli intelligence for questioning then withdrew at 05:45. (ii) At 01:40, Israeli forces raided Al-Nabi Saleh village and stormed 4 homes. (iii) At 01:50, Israeli forces raided Silwad, clashed with residents leaving Yassin Abbass injured then withdrew 02:20. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding the illegal settlement 'Ofarim and north of Al-Lubban Al-Gharbi and Rantis villages because of Sabbath holiday.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the illegal settlement Dotan. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 14:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Zubaba village. • <u>Raids:</u> At 23:35, Israeli forces raided Anin village. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which undercuts the access to education and health services for civilians living behind the Wall.
<p style="text-align: center;">TUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to restrict Palestinian access to the Northern Jordan Valley through the Tayasir checkpoint to between the hours of 06:00 and 22:00. • <u>Temporary Detention:</u> At 12:10, Israeli forces temporarily detained Burhan Basharat, a resident of Tammun as he was herding his sheep in Wadi Al-Malah area in Al-Aghwar Al-Shimaliya then released him at 14:00.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the road connecting Kafr Al-Labad town to Shufa village. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> At 08:30 The Israeli army increased restrictions on Palestinian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road and impeded the free flow of traffic until 11:30. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Al-Kafriyat road until 12:05. (ii) At 22:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Kafr Sur village junction until 22:55. • <u>Raid:</u> At 22:55, Israeli forces raided Deir Al-Ghusoun. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, undercutting access to education and health services for civilians living behind the Wall. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for adjustment of the Wall route was halted in the area surrounding Jubara village. According to an Israeli High Court decision, the new Wall route will be constructed west of the village because of Sabbath

	<p>holiday weekend.</p>
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli forces continue to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of Azzun (ii) In addition to closing the gate installed since the outbreak the second <i>Intifada</i>, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the eastern entrance to Kafr Qaddum village. • Flying checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Hajja village. (ii) At 10:45, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Kafr Qaddum. (iii) At 10:50, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Al-Fundok village. (iv) At 10:50, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Al-Nabi Eliyas village. (v) At 11:05, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Qalqilya until 12:10. (vi) At 14:20, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Jit village junction. (vii) At 18:10, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint near the entrance of Kafr Laqif and detained a resident. (viii) At 19:50, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Immatin village. (ix) At 19:55, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint along Wadi Qana road. (x) At 20:15, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Azzun • Raid: At 09:30, Israeli forces raided Hijja village. • Detention: Israeli forces positioned at Kafr Laqif junction detained Oday Shawahneh. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to restrict access at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, using a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi Al-Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the gate at the entrance to the village of RasAtiya; the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended in Kafr Laqef village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma’ale Shomron settlement because of Sabbath holiday.
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 road connecting the town of ‘Aqraba to the village of Osrin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osrin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to Qabalan town; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma’in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut. • Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-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

	<p>is open between 07:00 and 02:00</p> <p>(ii) At 05:00 Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are only allowed to cross between 05:00 and 20:00 and between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays. All vehicles can access the city of Nablus, but only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city through the checkpoint.</p> <p>(iii) At 15:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Shave Shomron checkpoint and impeded the free flow of traffic until 17:30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 15:20, Israeli forces set up a flying checkpoint at Deir Sharaf junction.</p> <p>(ii) At 19:00, Israeli forces set up a flying checkpoint at Beit Furik junction until 19:20.</p> • <u>Raid:</u> At 20:00, Israeli forces raided Awarta village and opened fire as they stormed 7 homes then withdrew at 23:30. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 13:15, a group of Israeli settlers raided Madama village, chased and assaulted Mamoun Nassar as he was herding his sheep then withdrew under the protection of Israeli forces at 13:40.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to its farmland.</p> <p>(ii) Since 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has opened the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years, and at 11:00, Israeli forces closed the entrance and impeded the free flow of traffic.</p> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to restrict access at Zaatara checkpoint and impede the free flow of traffic. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 14:00, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Iskaka village. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of the illegal settlement because of the Sabbath holiday.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al-Oja village with cement blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) Israeli forces continue to restrict access through Al-Hamra checkpoint set up along the road connecting Jericho and Nablus Districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho District and the Jordan Valley area.</p> <p>(ii) Israeli forces continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al-Oja village, only allowing access to residents of the Jericho District and others with access permits.</p> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> <p>(i) At 09:10, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Al-Nabi Musa junction until 09:40.</p> <p>(ii) At 10:00, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Al-Oja village junction.</p> <p>(iii) At 13:40, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the southern entrance of Jericho until 18:00.</p> • <u>Raid:</u> <p>(i) At 10:20, Israeli forces raided Al-Oja until 11:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:30, Israeli forces raided Jericho until 22:45.</p>
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close roads to An Nu'man village, with the</p>

	<p>exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.</p> <p>(ii) Since 15 September 2007, the Israel army has prevented civilians from accessing or staying on 22 <i>dunums</i> of confiscated land in Al Mazmuriya area in Beit Sahur and Bethlehem cities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmed road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; the road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village; and the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.</p> <p>(ii) Since 14:30 on January 10th 2012, the Israeli army closed a road leading to Taqou with dirt mounds.</p> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> <p>(i) At 17:55, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint beneath Al-Khader bridge until 19:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 21:30, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrances to Zataraa and Al-Shawashra village until 22:05.</p> • <u>Raid:</u> At 01:00, Israeli forces raided Bethlehem and Beit Jala, stormed 2 homes and summoned Ahmad Hamdan and Ahamd Al-Arouj to report to Israeli intelligence for questioning. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended northwest of Beit Jala town because of the Sabbath holiday.
Hebron	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close Al-Shuhada' Street, Al-Sahleh and Khuzq Al-Far areas, as well as the old gold market in Hebron's Old City. In addition to closing the entrance to Al-Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al-Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an electronic gate; Al-Laban Market also remains closed.</p> <p>(ii) Since 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has closed the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta. Having seized land for Wall construction, the Israeli army evicted the Palestinian residents and denied them.</p> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Al-Thahiriya and Al-Samoa' towns, Al-'Arrub refugee camp, and Al-Tuwani and Al-Karmel villages.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along the old Al-Shalala Street leading to Hebron's Old City.</p> <p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt mounds a detour road leading to the entrance to Al-Simiyavillage access to the area.</p> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 08:15, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at Ithna junction.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:00, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Farsh Al-Hawa located in northern Hebron.</p> <p>(iii) At 12:40, Israeli forces set up a checkpoint at the entrance of Al-Ramadin village.</p> • <u>Raids:</u> At 17:40, Israeli forces raided Bani Na'im, took photographs of Palestinian Police headquarters and its surrounding buildings then withdrew at 18:10. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> At 12:00, Palestinian and international peace activists marched

	<p>in Beit Ummar to protest against settler violence and the prevention of Palestinian farmers from reaching their agricultural land; Israeli forces clashed with protestors and assaulted several demonstrators, leaving Ahmad Abu Hashem, Yunis Arar and Yusef Abu Maria hospitalised with contusions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended in the area surrounding the illegal settlement Eshkolot, west of Al-Thahiriya town because of the Sabbath holiday.
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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 Israel came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire. The ceasefire has been further renewed on 13 March 2012 at 01:00. • On 14.12.2011, Israeli forces placed floating marks 3 miles from Gaza's seashore and warned fishermen against pass beyond the mark. • Israeli forces broke the ceasefire agreement as tanks fired shells from their positions behind the Green Line towards Central Gaza. • Israeli naval vessels broke the ceasefire agreement by opening fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores of Gaza
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanoun (Erez) is closed. • Attack: At 20:00 and again at 06:00, Israeli Naval vessels opened fire towards Palestinian fishing boats off the shores of Al-Sudaniya beach in Beit Lahia.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed following a unilateral Israeli decision. (ii) Al-Shija'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed following a unilateral Israeli decision.
<p style="text-align: center;">Central Gaza</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: On the evening of March 17th 2012, Israeli forces fired tank shells from their positions behind the Green Line towards Al-Bureij refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: • Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. • Rafah (<i>Al 'Awdah</i>) Crossing is open for the exit of patients, students and passengers with permits. • Sufa Crossing is closed. • Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.