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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 March 2005 – 08:00 19 March 2005

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	1 civilian of injuries sustained in 1988
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 civilian run over in Hebron
Attacks	6	9	15	Incl. 10 from posts & 1 by settlers
Raids	17	1	18	Incl. 3 in Ramallah and 3 in Jenin
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. 1 Palestinian Police officer
Detentions	13	—	13	Incl. at checkpoints
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In West Khan Yunis refugee camp
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	House furniture in 'Azzun
House Occupations	7	—	7	1 in Kafr Ra'i and 6 in 'Illar
Curfews	2	—	2	In 'Illar and Seida in Tulkarem
Checkpoints	(All)	—	(All)	
Flying Checkpoints	28	—	28	Incl. 6 in Tulkarem & 4 in Qalqiliya
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	—	5	5	Incl. 1 partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Open fire towards children
Provocation of Pal. Forces	2	1	3	Incl. open fire towards 1 Pal. post
Palestinian Attacks	2	—	2	Incl. 2 mortars towards Kadim
Pal. Security Measures	—	1	1	Attempt to fire mortars blocked
Demonstrations	2	2	4	Incl. in Saffa and Bil'in in Ramallah
TOTAL	95	20	115	

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 was suspended for the weekend 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. Arrest: At 01:00, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Mohammed Ahmed Darwish, a Palestinian Police officer.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Budrus, Midya, Ni'lin, Deir Qaddis, Bil'in, Saffa, Beit Liqya, and Beituniya. Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 14:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and searched civilians and vehicles. At 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the city of El Bireh along the Ramallah-Nablus road, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Nidhan, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> At 12:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Bir

	<p>Zeit and patrolled the junction to Bir Zeit University.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:45, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Nidham, detained a number of civilians, and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <p>(iii) At 15:25, Israeli infantry forces raided the city of El Bireh, opened indiscriminate fire while patrolling the area, and withdrew at 16:00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Deir Nidham: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ra'fat Hassan Mohammed; and (ii) Mohammed Abdul Qader Abdul Razeq. • Settler Violence: At 14:45, Israeli settlers opened fire towards a number of children near the village of Deir Nidham. • Demonstrations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Saffa in protest against Wall construction. Protestors performed Friday prayers on land targeted for confiscation by the Israeli army. Confrontations also took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
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 was suspended for the weekend in Jalbun towards Al Mutilla, Raba, Al Mughayyir, Bardala and 'Ein al Beida, and towards the Jordan River. • Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/House Occupation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and patrolled the area surrounding the town's Palestinian Police station and National Security offices. The Israeli army also set up 2 flying checkpoints at the northern and southern entrances to the town, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians' IDs. At 00:10, the Israeli army raided the town again, patrolled the area surrounding the town's Palestinian Police station and National Security offices in a provocative manner, set up a checkpoint between the town and the village of 'Aqqaba, and withdrew at a later time. (ii) At 03:50, the Israeli army raided the village Kafr Ra'i, opened indiscriminate fire while searching a number of houses, occupied 1 house, and converted it into a military post. The Israeli army also prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village as of 08:00 this morning. • Arrest: Israeli troops arrested Mahmoud Wajih Qassem, from the village of 'Anin, behind the Wall while he was on his way to his workplace inside the Green Line. • Palestinian Attack: At 01:00, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars towards the settlement of Kadim east of the city of Jenin.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<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 10:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at 'Einav gate checkpoint between the cities of Tulkarem and Nablus, thoroughly searched civilians, and examined their IDs, obstructing civilian movement. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 06:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of 'Illar and the village of Kafr Ra'i and prevented civilians from entering the town of 'Illar. (iii) At 06:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Deir Al Ghusun and 'Attil and prevented civilian movement in both directions. • Raids/Curfews: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 04:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Illar, imposed curfew, occupied 6 houses, and converted them into military posts. The Israeli army also combed the area surrounding the town and remains positioned in the area as of 08:00 this morning. (ii) At 06:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Seida, imposed curfew, set up a checkpoint at the entrance to the village, and prevented civilians from entering or exiting the village. • Palestinian Attack: At 15:30, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire towards the Wall near the town of Qaffin. The Israeli army responded by raiding the town of Qaffin and setting up 1 flying checkpoint in the area of Ras Rummana and another checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Qaffin. At 17:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances to the town of 'Azzun and the village of Ras 'Atiya, and near the village of An Nabi Elyas and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid/Destruction of Property: At 15:20, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of 'Azzun, set up a checkpoint between the town of 'Azzun and the town of Kafr Thulth, and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:05, the Israeli army raided the town again, prevented civilians from entering or exiting the town, searched 7 houses, and destroyed furniture in a number of houses. The Israeli army also detained 5 civilians and arrested 1 civilian.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Khaled Ahmed Sukkar in the town of ‘Azzun.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid:</u> At 00:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 02:00. • <u>Killing:</u> At 08:00, Mahmoud ‘Ukashah died of injuries sustained in 1988 (which had paralysed him).
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the town of Deir Ballut and the village of Az Zawiya near the Green Line. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up several flying checkpoints along the Trans-Samaria Highway and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location over Al Irsal hill north of the city of Salfit towards Palestinian territory west of the city.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army set up dozens of 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00 on 16 March 2005, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of Al ‘Auja near the settlement of Yitav, which is the only entrance between Area (A) (the city of Jericho) and the village, and thoroughly searched civilians and vehicles, thereby obstructing civilian movement. The Israeli army also prevented civilians not holding Jericho IDs from entering the city of Jericho. At 11:00 on 17 March 2005, the Israeli army imposed the same restrictions again and prevented vehicles transporting workers and merchants from crossing. In violation of the recent Palestinian-Israeli agreement concerning the hand-over of the area of Jericho, by which the Israeli army is only allowed to erect a surveillance point for selective searches of civilian vehicles, the Israeli army also placed cement blocks in the area. (ii) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Al Mu’rrajat road between the districts of Ramallah and Jericho and detained 2 public vehicles until 11:15. (iii) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along the main road # 90 crossing the village of Al ‘Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the only road leading to the village of Al Nu’mān, 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Construction of the Wall was suspended for the weekend north of the district of Bethlehem, along ‘Ayda refugee camp, along the tunnel road (Gilo), and west of the village of Husan. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Al ‘Asakira, searched civilian vehicles, examined civilians’ IDs, and arrested 2 civilians holding Jordanian passports (whose permits have expired). • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:50, 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. (ii) At 16:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Beit Jala. At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area. • <u>Arrests:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al Asakira arrested 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser Yousef Salahat; and (ii) ‘Uthman Abdul Nabi Dakhl Allah.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Idhna and Beit ‘Awwa, in the area extending from the village of Deir Samit, the town of Beit ‘Awwa, and towards the village of Al Burj. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the area of An Nabi Yunis in the town of Halhul, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the towns of Surif and Kharas, searched civilian vehicles, and examined civilians’ IDs. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 16:30, an Israeli army jeep ran over Fat’hiyyeh Ash Shantir, a female civilian, in the old city of Hebron, after which she was transported to hospital. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled several neighbourhoods. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of At Tabaqa south of the town of Dura and patrolled the area.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Beit Hanun Crossing is partially open. • Demonstration: At 16:00, a mass demonstration took place in Jabalya refugee camp in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nitsareem junction remains closed. (ii) Al Shuhada Junction-Al Muntar Crossing road is closed. (iii) Al Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (iv) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstration: At 19:45, a mass demonstration took place in An Nuseirat refugee camp in solidarity with political prisoners in Israeli prisons.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol 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 partially open. (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. • Attacks: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 180 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers on their land east of the area of Khuza'a. (ii) At 10:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 9 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp, allegedly because a number of children had approached the security line. (iii) At 14:40, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 8 towards Palestinian territory in Al Amal neighbourhood. (iv) At 16:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 11 towards Palestinian territory in West Khan Yunis refugee camp. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 10:40, the Israeli army, including 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided 200 meters into West Khan Yunis refugee camp and levelled land. • Palestinian Security Measures: At 00:25, Palestinian National Security forces blocked an attempt by armed Palestinian individuals to fire mortars from the area near West Khan Yunis refugee camp and confiscated the mortars' launch pad (after the armed individuals fled away).

RAFAH	<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 closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. • <u>Attacks/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:55, and again at 22:05, 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 15:05, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards Palestinian territory to the east. (iii) At 23:45, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 5.5 along the Palestinian-Egyptian border towards civilian houses in As Salaam neighbourhood in Rafah refugee camp. (iv) At 07:15, the Israeli army opened fire from Tall Zu'rub military post towards 1 Palestinian National Security location in the area.
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GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>West Bank:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 8,521 work permits to cross the Green Line. The total number of those allowed to cross is unknown. (ii) Israeli authorities restricted the issuing of work permits to civilians who are married with children and over the age of 30. • <u>Gaza Strip:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities renewed 775 work permits for workers to enter the Industrial Zones. However, workers were not allowed access to the Industrial Zones. (ii) Israeli authorities renewed 2,488 work permits for workers in the construction and agriculture sectors to cross the Green Line. However, only 1,050 workers (approximately 43% of those possessing work permits) were allowed access into the Green Line.
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