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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 18 March 2006 – 08:00 19 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	Civilians severely beaten in Hebron
Air Attacks	—	2	2	Incl. 1 missile by F16 aircrafts, N. Gaza
Attack	—	1	1	From a military post towards farmers
Raids	22	—	22	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem & 3 in Hebron
Air Patrols	—	2	2	F16 aircrafts over N. Gaza and Gaza
Arrests	10	3	13	Incl. 2 Legislative Council members
Detentions	12	—	12	Incl. 2 Legislative Council members
Wall Construction	28	—	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	1	1 civilian vehicle damaged in Hebron
House Occupation	1	—	1	Converted into a mil. post in Huwwara
Curfews	2	—	2	Over Huwwara and Beita, Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	3	—	3	Incl. Qalandiya checkpoint temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	24	—	24	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 8 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	24	—	24	Incl. between Bal'a & Dahiyat Iktaba
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
Settler Violence	1	—	1	Perished chickens dumped near Yatta
Provocation of Pal. Forces	3	—	3	Incl. 1 Police vehicle detained
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	5 unidentified mortars fired
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	Incl. 1 Police officer handed over
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners, Ramallah
TOTAL	142	15	157	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and has set up checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Ikse checkpoint and to impede civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Qalandiya checkpoint. The Israeli army also closed the checkpoint for several hours, denied civilian access in both directions, and arrested 1 civilian. • 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 resumed 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 Checkpoints/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilian vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the town of Al 'Eizariya and searched civilian vehicles. Israeli troops at the checkpoint also detained dozens of civilians and verbally assaulted Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) in front of them. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 members of the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC). (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Hizma, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Al 'Eizariya: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Abu Teir, PLC member; (ii) Ahmed 'Atwan, PLC member; and (iii) Rami al Halawani. (iv) The Israeli army arrested an unidentified civilian in the village of Hizma. • Detention: The Israeli army detained 2 PLC members in the town of Al 'Eizariya and released them at a later time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ibrahim Abu Salem; and (ii) Wael al Hussein.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Road:</u> The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was resumed 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Beit Rima and the village of An Nabi Salih and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Kharbatha al Misbah, searched civilians and vehicles, and impeded civilian access. (iii) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Silwad and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the Industrial Zone in the town of Beituniya. (ii) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 13:10, a mass demonstration took place in the city of Ramallah in solidarity with political prisoners held in Israeli prisons.
<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>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the area between the town of Al Yamun and the village of Khirbet 'Atuf and searched a number of caravans. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin until 05:00. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Tubas until 04:00. • <u>Arrests:</u> At 01:00 on 18 March 2006, the Israeli army arrested 2 civilians before its withdrawal from the town of Al Yamun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Basem Hasan Zayed; and (ii) Mohammed Hasan Zayed.

<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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. • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Checkpoints: <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. • Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Ramin and Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir al Ghusun and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:00. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Illar and searched civilians and vehicles until 22:00. • Raids: At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp and patrolled the area until 02:15. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 17:30, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of 'Einav impeded the access of a fire truck belonging to the Palestinian Civil Defence Department, while it was travelling to extinguish a fire that erupted in a house in the town of Beit Lid.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Gates: <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. • Wall Construction: Land levelling for Wall construction was resumed in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: At 12:00, and again at 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Sanniriya.

	<p>(ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum.</p>
<p>NABLUS</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 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. • <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. • <u>Raids/Curfews/House Occupation:</u> At 18:05, the Israeli army raided and imposed curfew over the town of Huwwara and the village of Beita. The Israeli army also occupied 1 house near the junction to the town of Huwwara and converted it into a military post. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 12:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Fares Nimer Sawaftah.
<p>SALFIT</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 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 blocks. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul 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 resumed 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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00.

	<p>(ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Yasuf and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Biddya. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Kafr ad Dik until 03:00.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: 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 Jerusalem and Jericho ID holders as well as civilians possessing permits to cross checkpoints. • Checkpoints: (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.
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 resumed 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. • Raids: (i) At 12:35, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of Beit Sahur, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area until 13:00. (ii) At 13:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:30, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area. (iv) At 16:45, an Israeli army patrol raided 'Ayda refugee camp and patrolled the area.

HEBRON

- **Closure:**
 - (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 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.
 - (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.
 - (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.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (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.
- **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was resumed 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'.
- **Flying Checkpoints/Destruction of Property:**
 - (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the settler bypass road near the town of As Samoa' and arrested 1 civilian, after damaging his vehicle.
 - (iv) At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction, searched civilians and vehicles, and detained 1 Palestinian Police vehicle transporting 2 Police officers. Israeli troops at the checkpoint released the 2 Palestinian Police officers after coordination through the DCO.
 - (v) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- **Physical Assault:** The Israeli army severely beat a number of civilians while it was preventing them from accessing their agricultural land near the

	<p>village of Safa northwest of the town of Beit Ummar.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up 2 checkpoints in the areas of Ras al Jora and Bir al Mahjar, searched civilians and vehicles, and obstructed Palestinian Police officers from carrying out their security duties. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again, set up a checkpoint in the area of Al Hawuz ath Thani, searched civilian vehicles, and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the settler bypass road near the town of As Samoa' arrested Thabet 'Isa az Za'areer. (ii) Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up in the area of Al Hawuz ath Thani in the city of Hebron arrested 2 unidentified civilians. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 13:00, a group of Israeli settlers dumped perished chickens in a solid waste dump east of the town of Yatta. • <u>Palestinian Security Measures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, Palestinian security forces handed over to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO) an Israeli Police officer and his wife, after they mistakenly drove into the town of Dura. (ii) At 13:00, the Palestinian and Israeli Ministries of Health coordinated (through the DCO) to perish 2,600 chickens as a preventative measure, after bird flu was discovered in areas inside the Green Line. These chickens had been transported from areas inside the Green Line to a Palestinian merchant in the city of Hebron.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination. • <u>Air Attack/Palestinian Attack:</u> At 23:05, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 1 missile towards an agricultural area northeast of the town of Beit Hanun, allegedly in response to armed Palestinian individuals' firing of 5 unidentified mortars towards the Green Line.
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. • Air Attack: At 00:15, Israeli army F16 combat aircrafts fired 1 missile towards Wadi Gaza overpass on the road connecting the area of Juhor ad Dik to Salah ad Din road south of Gaza city. • Arrests: At 23:30, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians near Point 109 on the Green Line south of Gaza city, claiming that they were attempting to gain access into areas inside the Green Line and that they were in possession of knives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Isma'il Abu Libdeh; (ii) Ibrahim al Qarnawi; and (iii) Jamal Ibrahim as Sayyed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detention: At 12:00, the Israeli army detained 5 civilians near Point 114 on the Green Line east of Al Bureij refugee camp and handed them over to Palestinian National Security forces at a later time.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 07:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 186 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the village of Khuza'a.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul 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.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative Detention: The Israeli authorities renewed the administrative detention (arrest without charge or trial) against 67 political prisoners held in Israeli prisons for various periods of time.
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