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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 18 March 2007 – 08:00 19 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	3	—	**3**	3 civilians beaten in Gilo settlement
Injuries	3	—	**3**	1 civilian in Jenin and 2 others in Nablus
Attacks	5	2	**7**	Incl. 3 in raids & 3 from military posts
Raids	20	3	**23**	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 2 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrols	1	1	**2**	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests	11	—	**11**	Incl. 3 Palestinian security officers
Detentions	17	—	**17**	At checkpoints & in residential locales
Wall Construction	25	—	**25**	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	1	—	**1**	A road levelled near Al Aqsa Mosque
Closure of Checkpoints	17	—	**17**	Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	**18**	Incl. 6 in Jenin and 4 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	6	—	**6**	Incl. 3 areas in the district of Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	33	—	**33**	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem & 5 in Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	**6**	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	**2**	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	**160**	**14**	**174**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	

ALL DISTRICTS	• The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.

JERUSALEM	• <u>**Closure:**</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and prevent civilians from accessing the mosque, only allowing access to female civilians and civilians holding Israeli-issued IDs who are above 45 years of age. This Israeli measure aims to prevent civilian demonstrations against the Israeli army's levelling of Bab al Maghariba old road, which leads to Al Aqsa Mosque compound. • <u>**Closure of Main Roads:**</u> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bareed to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the village of Jaba', which connects the village to the cities of Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho. • <u>**Checkpoints:**</u> (i) 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. (ii) At 09:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoint set up near the village of Jaba' and impeded civilian access. • <u>**Wall Gates:**</u> (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 Dahiyat al Bareed, Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of the village of Al Jib, and in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna.

	• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Anata and searched civilians and vehicles.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the village of Saffa. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to impede civilian access. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area west of the town of 'Abud as well as in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Rammun and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Abud, searched 1 house, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Ghassana and the village of An Nabi Salih and patrolled the area until 00:15. (iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh. While patrolling the area, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 02:25, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iv) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area until 03:20.
JENIN	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan as well as the road connecting the town of Qabatiya to the village of Misliya. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:30, the Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: in the area between the town of Qabatiya and the village of Misliya; at the southern entrance to the city of Jenin; and on the junctions to the towns of 'Arraba and Kafr Ra'i. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles.

	(ii) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Al Mansura along the Jenin-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to the village of 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Attack/Injury:** (i) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far'a. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 1 civilian. (ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp. (iii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya and arrested 1 civilian as well as 2 Palestinian security officers. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian and 2 Palestinian security officers in the town of Qabatiya: (i) Qays Subhi Hanaysheh, a Palestinian Police officer; (ii) Shadi Sami Zakarneh, a Palestinian National Security officer; and (iii) Khaled Kmeil.
TULKAREM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Dahiyat Iktaba-Bal'a road, the entrance to the village of Saffarin, the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to 'Attil plain, the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa, and the road connecting the town of Deir al Ghusun to the village of Al Jarushiya. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) as well as at 'Einav checkpoint (the eastern entrance to the city). • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Nur Shams refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
QALQILIYA	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • **Wall Gates:** (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 continues in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif as well as east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun.

	• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel (the southern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya), searched civilians and vehicles, and denied access to vehicles bearing Israeli-issued licence plates. At 17:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
	• **Raid:** At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum, searched a number of houses, and arrested 4 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer.
	• **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the village of Kafr Qaddum:
	(i) Rami Abdul Jabbar Jum'ah, a Palestinian National Security officer;
	(ii) Ala' Abdul Mu'min Jum'ah;
	(iii) Yamin Yousef 'Ubeid;
	(iv) Amjad Abdul Mu'min Jum'ah; and
	(v) Thamin Abdul Latif Barham.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:**
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh.
	• **Checkpoints/Attack/Injuries:** The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
	(i) Huwwara and Beit Iba checkpoints (set up at the southern and western entrances to the city of Nablus respectively) are closed at 23:00. The Israeli army only allows civilian vehicles possessing access permits to cross these checkpoints. The Israeli army also searches civilians using metal detectors at Beit Iba checkpoint, impeding their access.
	(ii) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jirzim 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.
	(iii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the village of Beit Dajan until 17:30.
	(iv) Beginning on 23 November 2006, the Israeli army continues to close the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to humanitarian cases.
	(v) At 12:15, the Israeli army closed Beit Iba checkpoint and denied civilian access, claiming to be arresting a civilian after locating an explosive belt in his possession. Israeli troops also opened fire towards civilians waiting to cross at both sides of the checkpoint, injuring 2 civilians. At 14:05, Israeli troops reopened the checkpoint, after having detonated the explosive belt.
	(vi) The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Badhan checkpoint east of the city of Nablus and impeded civilian access.

	• **Arrest:** Israeli troops positioned at Beit Iba checkpoint arrested an unidentified civilian. • **Raids:** At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and Balata refugee camp. While patrolling the refugee camp, an armed confrontation took place between the Israeli army and armed Palestinian individuals. At 05:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising). (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Marda and, with cement blocks, the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to 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. • **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 Ari'el. • **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kifl Haris, searched a mechanic's workshop, and interrogated its owner. (ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan and opened indiscriminate fire, while patrolling the area.
JERICHO	• **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. • **Checkpoints:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road connecting the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:40.
BETHLEHEM	• **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. • **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 continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr, northwest of the city of Beit Jala, and in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of the settlement of Efrat. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 14:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Wadi an Nar road connecting the town of Al 'Ubeidiya to the village of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Physical Assaults:** At 00:20, the Israeli army beat 3 civilians while they were working in the settlement of Gilo, leaving them with contusions. • **Raids/Air Patrol/Detentions:** (i) At 16:30, Israeli troops, dispatched by combat helicopters, raided and combed the area of Al Buqei'a near the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. (ii) At 18:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Aza refugee camp and detained 2 children, while patrolling the area. (iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem and arrested 1 civilian. • **Arrests:** (i) At 16:50, Israeli troops positioned at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the "Container") checkpoint arrested Yousef Ali Nawawreh. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Ibrahim Da'amseh in Dahiyat ad Doha in the city of Bethlehem.
HEBRON	• **Closure:** (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. The Israeli army also 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, thereby controlling civilian access to and from the area. (ii) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: 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; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp.

	(ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of Ar Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta. • **Flying Checkpoint:** The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up several checkpoints, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the city again and searched 1 house.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army carried 3 raids into Palestinian territory and opened fire on 2 occasions. In addition, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory. Armed Palestinian individuals also fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched.
NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. • **Palestinian Attacks:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line, as follows: (i) At 12:45, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 mortar exploded in the area from which it was launched. (ii) At 14:20, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Raid:** At 14:45, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 5 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Point 131 on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah. At 18:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Raids:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army carried 2 raids into Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 12:50, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 2 jeeps, raided Palestinian territory near Point 146 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and withdrew at 13:20. (ii) At 13:40, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Palestinian territory near Point 147 on the Green Line east of the area of Al Qarara and withdrew at 14:40.

RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • **Attacks:** In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 158 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Rafah Crossing east of the city of Rafah. • **Air Patrol:** At 13:50, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Palestinian territory south of Sufa Crossing east of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.