# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



# PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 18 March 2010 – 08:00 19 March 2010

# **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	3	2	5	Incl. 2 children in Jerusalem
Air Attacks	_	6	6	By F16 combat aircraft, incl. on Rafah
Attacks	11	9	20	Incl. tanks and artillery shells fired
Raids	22	1	23	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 1 in Rafah
Air Patrols	1	9	10	Incl. reconnaissance over the Gaza Strip
Arrests (per person)	15	2	17	Incl. 8 in Jerusalem and 3 in Qalqiliya
Detentions	13	_	13	Incl. school teachers in Qalqiliya
Wall Construction	22	_	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	1	4	5	Incl. blacksmith's workshop destroyed
Closure of Checkpoints	8	_	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	28	_	28	Incl. 6 in Jerusalem and 8 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	_	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	2	_	2	Incl. 22 olive trees cut down in Nablus
Palestinian Attacks	_	3	3	5 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	7	1	8	Incl. against Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue
TOTAL	180	40	220	

**DISTRICT** EVENTS

#### **WEST BANK**

#### • Closure:

- (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 and set up other checkpoints at all roads leading to the old city of Jerusalem. Despite the fact that it opened all gates, the Israeli army continued to impose severe restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to 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:

# **JERUSALEM**

- (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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint underneath the overpass to the town of Bir Nabala and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At dawn on 19 March 2010, the Israeli army raided the village of Qatanna and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Demonstration/Attack/Injuries</u>: At 13:40, 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, during which the Israeli army injured 3 participants, including 2 children. The Israeli army also arrested 3 civilians.

# • Wall Gates:

(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>Arrests</u>: On 18 March 2010, the Israeli army arrested 5 civilians in the city of Jerusalem and in Shu'fat refugee camp:
- (i) Mu'tassem As'ad Abdul Ghani al Atrash;
- (ii) Bilal Mohammed as Salaymeh;
- (iii) Murad Sufyan Abu Mayyaleh;
- (iv) Muhannad Kayyaleh; and
- (v) Midhat Kayyaleh.
- (vi) The Israeli army arrested Yousef Ya'qoub Mousa al Faqih in the village of Qatanna.
- (vii) Israeli troops arrested 2 unidentified civilians near Qalandiya checkpoint.
- Wall Construction: 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.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (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/Attack</u>: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Beitillu, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened fire towards a number of young civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.

- **Demonstration:** At 12:00, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the town of Turmus'ayya 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.

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JENIN	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints: <ul> <li>(i) At 14:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Sanur on the Jenin-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles until 15:30.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the town of 'Arraba and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Demonstration: At 08:00, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the village of Fahma 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.</li> <li>Wall Gates: 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.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
TUBAS	<ul> <li>Checkpoint: 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.</li> <li>Raid: At 16:30, the Israeli army raided an area near the village of Tayasir and searched a number of makeshift houses used by shepherds.</li> </ul>				
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: 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.</li> <li>Checkpoint/Detentions: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. At 08:10, an Israeli Intelligence officer detained and interrogated a number of civilians.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting the districts of Tulkarem and Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:20.</li> <li>Raid: At 13:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>				
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flying Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Jinsafut and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 12:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 13:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Hajja and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 16:55, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of 'Azzun and the village of 'Izbat at Tabib and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>				

- (v) At 17:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### Attacks:

- (i) At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned in the area surrounding the crossing point on the Green Line north of the city of Qalqiliya opened indiscriminate fire, preventing workers from approaching the crossing.
- (ii) At 17:00, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section south of the city of Qalqiliya fired sound and tear gas grenades towards a number of children, claiming that they had approached the Wall.

#### • Raids/Air Patrol:

- (i) At 13:50, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided and combed an area south of the village of Jit.
- (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided 'Azzun town and arrested 2 civilians.
- (iii) At 16:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Asla.
- (iv) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Qalqiliya and arrested 1 civilian
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of 'Azzun:
- (i) Murad Jawdat Mustafa Saleem; and
- (ii) Sameer Taher Shillo Saleem.
- (iii) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdu Hayy Mohammed Tabsiyyeh in the city of Qalqiliya.

#### • Detentions:

- (i) At 14:15, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of Ras 'Atiya prevented a number of school teachers from crossing the gate, through which they had passed in the morning. Having searched them thoroughly, Israeli troops allowed teachers to cross at 17:20.
- (ii) At 17:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Wall gate to the village of Ras 'Atiya detained Yousef Zaki 'Odeh and released him after he had paid a fine of NIS 2,000 (approximately USD 540).
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 10:30, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the city of Qalqiliya 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 Gate</u>: 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.

# • Closure of Main Roads:

## **NABLUS**

(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.
- <u>Checkpoints</u>: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
- (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.

# • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beita and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid: At 15:55, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 16:25.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 08:00, a group of Israeli settlers cut down about 22 olive trees on civilian land in the village of Qaryut.

# • Closure of Main Roads:

- (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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.

#### Raids

- (i) At 02:00 on 18 March 2010, the Israeli army raided the village of Rafat and arrested 1 civilian.
- (ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Deir Istiya.
- (iii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and school students. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 11:50.
- (iv) At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, and searched civilians and vehicles.

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	• Arrests:  (i) The Israeli army arrested Abdul Qader Ghazi Mohammed Shihadeh in the village of Rafat.			
	(ii) The Israeli army arrested 'Uday Hussein Mohammed Salameh in the town of Bruqin.			
	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.			
	<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>Checkpoints:         <ul> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
JERICHO	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.			
	<ul> <li>(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.</li> <li>Raid: At 00:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Al 'Auja.</li> </ul>			
	• Closure:			
ВЕТНІЕНЕМ	<ul> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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 dunums (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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Raids: <ol> <li>(i) At 14:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Khadr. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Beit Sahur.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan. While patrolling</li> </ol> </li> </ul>			
	the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 03:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the village.			

- (iv) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Za'tara and arrested 1 civilian.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 08:30, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in Ad Duheisha refugee camp in the city of Bethlehem 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 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.

#### • 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. 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:

- (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:

- (i) At 11:00, 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.
- (ii) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Zif and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 19:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa and searched civilians and vehicles.

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- (v) At 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vi) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (vii) At 20:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (viii) At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Bani Na'im and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Raids:

- (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while it was patrolling the area.
- (ii) At 13:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, searched 1 house, and served summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency.
- (iv) At 20:10, the Israeli army raided Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched a number of houses.
- (v) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp and arrested 1 child.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Walid Fayez al Wawi, 16 years old, in Al Fawwar refugee camp.
- <u>Settler Violence</u>: On 18 March 2010, an Israeli settler from the settlement of Shani ploughed and cultivated civilian land south of the town of As Samoa'. The land belongs to:
- (i) Mohammed Ali al Hawamdeh;
- (ii) Ibrahim Saleem al Hawamdeh;
- (iii) Mohammed Hasan al Hawamdeh; and
- (iv) Radhi Mohammed al Hawamdeh.

#### • Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) At 09:30, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in Al 'Arrub refugee camp 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.
- (ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the Abu Sneina and Az Zahed neighbourhoods 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.

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.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

# 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:** The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and arrested 2 civilians in (i) ALL the district of Rafah. The Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired **DISTRICTS** artillery shells, missile mortars and tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards civilian houses and property in the districts of Gaza, Centrla Gaza, Khan Yunis, and Rafah. Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles on the districts of Gaza, Khan Yunis, and Rafah, injuring 2 civilians and destroying a blacksmith's workshop. Armed Palestinian individuals fired 5 mortars towards the Green Line. (ii) Air Patrol: At noon on 18 March 2010, reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over all districts of the Gaza Strip.

# Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for **NORTHERN** previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. Palestinian Attack: In the morning of 18 March 2010, 1 unidentified mortar GAZA was fired towards the Green Line. **Closure of Crossing Points:** Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of (i) wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. **GAZA** Air Attack/Destruction of Property: At dawn on 18 March 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 1 missile on a blacksmith's workshop in the Az Zaytun neighbourhood in Gaza city, destroying the workshop and damaging neighbouring houses. Air Patrol: At noon on 18 March 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft patrolled the skies and carried out diversionary air raids over Gaza city.

CENTRAL GAZA	<u>Attack</u> : At dawn on 19 March 2010, the Israeli army fired a number of missile mortars from its location inside the Green Line towards agricultural land east of the city of Deir al Balah.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul> <li>Air Attack: At dawn on 18 March 2010, Israeli combat aircraft fired a missile on an agricultural land east of the town of 'Abasan al Kabira.</li> <li>Attacks: <ol> <li>In the morning of 18 March 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards participants in a mass demonstration, which included international peace activists, against buffer zones along the Border Fence. The Israeli army prevents farmers and landlords from accessing and tending their land in this area.</li> <li>In the morning of 19 March 2010, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land and civilian houses east of the town of Khuza'a.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 18 March 2010, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul> <li>Closure of Crossing Points:         <ul> <li>Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.</li> <li>Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to a number of civilians and patients, who had received medical treatment at Egyptian hospitals.</li> <li>Sufa Crossing is closed.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Air Attack/Injuries: At dawn on 19 March 2010, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 7 missiles (over 4 consecutive air raids) on smuggling tunnels on the Egyptian border south of the city of Rafah, injuring 2 civilians.</li> <li>Attack: In the evening of 18 March 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired a number of tank shells from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Yasser Arafat International Airport as well as towards agricultural land on the outskirts of the town of Ash Shoka east of the city of Rafah.</li> <li>Raid: In the evening of 18 March 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of the city of Rafah and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of the city of Rafah.</li> <li>Palestinian Attack: At 12:00, 3 mortars were fired towards the Green Line.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>