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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 March 2006 – 08:00 20 March 2006

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assault	1	—	1	1 female civilian severely beaten
Injury	—	1	1	1 civilian east of Jabalya town, N. Gaza
Attacks	5	4	9	Incl. 3 in raids & 4 from military posts
Raids	28	—	28	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 6 in Hebron
Arrests	22	—	22	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	11	—	11	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Wall Construction	28	—	28	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Beth.
Confiscation of Property	1	—	1	2 ID cards & a sum of NIS 700, Hebron
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the village of Beita in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	2	—	2	'Einav & 'Ein ad Duyuk checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem & 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	1	8	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	27	—	27	Incl. southern entrance to Jamma'in
Closure of Crossing Points	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun & Rafah partially
TOTAL	144	11	155	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following the Israeli army's raid on the Palestinian civil prison in the city of Jericho and arrest of a number of prisoners, including the Secretary General of the People's Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Israeli army extended the complete closure it has imposed over the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts since 11 March 2006 due to Jewish holidays. The Israeli army has also prevented civilians, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line or into the city of Jerusalem, only allowing VIPs and humanitarian cases to cross after prior coordination.
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WEST BANK

<p style="text-align: center;">JERUSALEM</p>	<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: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Qalandiya and Beit Iksa checkpoints and to impede civilian access. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Beit Duqqu and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to 'Atarot Industrial Zone in Dahiyat ar Ram and searched civilians and vehicles.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Deir as Sudan and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:10, and again at 01:35, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Sinjil and searched a number of houses. (iii) At 03:40, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the villages of An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein, set up a checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kafr 'Ein, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also patrolled the area until 04:30.
JENIN	<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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ash Shuhada' south of the city of Jenin, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 01:30, the Israeli army, including 20 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp until 05:15. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of As Silat al Harithiya and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> On 18 March 2006, Israeli troops positioned at Salim checkpoint northwest of the city of Jenin arrested 3 civilians, claiming that they were in possession of explosive devices: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Waseem Mohammed Zyoud; (ii) Abdul Malek al Keelani; and (iii) Thaer Husam Zyoud. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) At 15:00, Israeli troops positioned at the village of Barta'a checkpoint arrested Yousef Ali 'Asa'sah. (v) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Ash Shuhada' arrested Nidhal Ya'qoub Infei'at. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Omar Tayseer Amr in the town of Ya'bad. (vii) The Israeli army arrested Ragheb Mahmoud Zyoud in the town of As Silat al Harithiya.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 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.

	<p>(ii) The Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the roads connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba to the village of ‘Izbat Abu Khamish and Dahiyat Dhinnaba to the town of Kafr al Labad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> (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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Raid:</u> At 14:40, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and searched 1 house.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILIYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Wall Gates:</u> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Land levelling for Wall construction continues in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and ‘Azzun. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detention:</u> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit, searched civilian vehicles, and detained 1 Palestinian National Security officer until 15:00. (ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Habla tunnel south of the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> (i) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the village of Kafr Qaddum. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the city of Qalqiliya and opened indiscriminate while patrolling the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and ‘Ein Beit el Ma’ refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians in the refugee camp. At 13:30, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 05:20, the Israeli army, including 5 armoured vehicles and 10 jeeps, raided the village of Beita, imposed curfew, opened indiscriminate fire, and arrested 9 civilians. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:15, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Mu’ath Yasser Sam’an. (ii) At 18:50, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Shavei Shomron on the Nablus-Jenin main road arrested Aysar Husam ‘Urouq, a Palestinian National Security officer. (iii) At 20:10, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Jihad Yousef ‘Aayed, after his vehicle hit cement blocks at the checkpoint while he was attempting to run over an Israeli soldier. ‘Aayed also sustained injuries. (iv) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up on Al Badhan road east of the city of Nablus arrested Baha’ ad Din Zahed Ishtayyeh. <p>The Israeli army arrested 9 civilians in the village of Beita:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (v) Khaled Abdul Raheem Dawoud; (vi) Raghed Mahmoud Jaghoub; (vii) Basman Hasan Hamayel; (viii) Mohammed Salameh Shamseh; (ix) Jihad Hilal Ballout; (x) Hashem Ali Dweikat; (xi) Ayman Mohammed Dweikat; (xii) Basman Hussein Hamayel; and (xiii) Hamzeh Ibrahim Salameh.
SALFIT	<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.

	<p>(iv) On 16 March 2006, the Israeli army closed with an iron gate the southern entrance to the town of Jamma'in on the Trans-Samaria Highway, which leads to the district of Salfit, thereby forcing civilians to cross on foot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: (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. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. • Raids: At 01:50, the Israeli army, including 1 armoured vehicle and 1 jeep, raided and patrolled the city of Salfit and the villages of 'Ammuriya, Khirbet Qeis, and Farkha 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 continues 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Physical Assault:</u> Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near Bilal Bin Rabah Mosque (Rachel's Tomb) severely beat 'Azeezeh Mohammed Abu Hleil, a female civilian, while she was returning from the city of Jerusalem. At 14:25, 'Azeezeh was admitted to Bethlehem Public Hospital for medical treatment. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Al Khadr and fired flares. (ii) At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Ash Shawawra and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Asakira and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Mohammed Abdallah Salem in the village of Ash Shawawra. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Raed Mohammed Al 'Asakreh in the village of Al 'Asakira.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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'.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Ummar, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access in both directions. • <u>Raids/Confiscation of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Bani Na'im and searched 2 houses, including 1 house belonging to 'Aed Mohammed Manassrah. Israeli troops confiscated the ID cards of Manassrah and his wife as well as a sum of NIS 700. (ii) At 20:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al 'Arrub refugee camp. (iii) The Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Surif, Beit Ummar, and Sa'ir. (iv) The Israeli army raided the town of Ash Shuyukh. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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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NORTHERN GAZA	<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>Attacks:</u> At 08:55, the Israeli army fired 6 artillery shells from Point 64 on the Green Line east of the town of Jabalya towards Palestinian territory. 2 artillery shells landed on the area north of the town of Beit Lahiya, 1 shell east of the town of Beit Hanun, and 3 east of the town of Jabalya. As a result, 1 civilian was injured east of the town of Jabalya.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 00:15, the Israeli army fired 1 tank shell from Point 142 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of the area of Al Qarara.

RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (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.
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POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imprisonment Sentence: The Israeli authorities sentenced Ameen Jameel al Jamal, a political prisoner from the village of Beit Surik in the district of Jerusalem, to 12 years in prison.
WORK PERMITS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bank: The Israeli authorities renewed 10,406 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure. • Gaza Strip: The Israeli authorities renewed 5,223 work permits for crossing the Green Line. However, none of those possessing work permits were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line due to the imposed closure.