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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 March 2007 – 08:00 20 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Attacks	4	2	6	4 in raids & 2 from military posts
Raids	21	—	21	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 4 in Hebron
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Troops dispatched by helicopters, Salfit
Arrests	7	1	8	Incl. 1 female civilian & 1 Police officer
Detentions	15	1	16	Incl. a number of fishermen at sea, Rafah
House Demolition	1	—	1	A 2-storey house in Halhul, Hebron
Land Levelling	1	—	1	On debris of Sanur settlement, Jenin
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	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	6	—	6	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 2 in Ramallah
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 & Al Muntar partially
Attack on Religious Site	1	—	1	Yards of Al Aqsa Mosque raided
Settler Violence	2	—	2	Incl. a house seized in the city of Hebron
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Pal. forces demanded not leave positions
Pal. Security Measures	2	—	2	Incl. 4 illegal vehicles handed over
TOTAL	141	10	151	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>Closure: 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.</p> <p>Closure of Main Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>Checkpoint: 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.</p> <p>Wall Gates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>Wall Construction: 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.</p> <p>Settler Violence/Attack on Religious Site: Under the protection of Israeli troops, a group of Israeli settlers raided the yards of Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli settlers and civilians. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the city of Jerusalem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Samer Abu Qweider; and (ii) Tareq al Hashlamoun.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 23:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Surda along the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Attack: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 21:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid. While searching a number of houses, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 23:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, set up a checkpoint along the road to the village of Qarawat Bani Zeid, and denied civilian access in both directions until 23:50. (iii) At 02:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah. (iv) At 02:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (v) At 02:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Kharbatha al Misbah, searched a number of houses, arrested 2 civilians, and withdrew at 03:00. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the village of Kharbatha al Misbah: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ali Mahmoud al Hubbal; and (ii) Zaki Ali al Hubbal.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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 Misliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Tubas. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and opened fire, while patrolling the area. • <u>Land Levelling:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army levelled land on the debris of the evacuated settlement of Sanur.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarem a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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). • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Bizzariya and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided Dahiyat Shuweika in the city of Tulkarem and searched an uninhabited house. (ii) At 00:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tulkarem. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 15:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 1 illegal vehicle, seized in the city of Tulkarem, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Palestinian Security Measure:</u> At 09:00, Palestinian security forces handed over 3 illegal vehicles and 5 motorcycles, seized in the city of Qalqiliya, to the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).

<p style="text-align: center;">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 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. • <u>Checkpoints/Attack/Injuries:</u> The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Raids/Provocation of Palestinian Forces/Attack:</u> At 22:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as Balata and 'Ein Beit el Ma' refugee camps, after having demanded that Palestinian security forces not leave their positions. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 04:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Khitam Yaseen, a female civilian, claiming that she attempted to stab an Israeli soldier.
<p style="text-align: center;">SALFIT</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 <i>Intifada</i> (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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Air Patrol/Attack:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:40, Israeli troops, dispatched by a combat helicopter, raided an area near the village of Khirbet Um Qeis, combed agricultural groves, and withdrew at 01:20. (ii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris. While patrolling the area, the Israeli army opened fire and fired sound grenades. At 02:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at the DCO checkpoint set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho arrested Ahmed Suleiman al Amir, a Palestinian Police officer.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> 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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol/Detentions:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr. (ii) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Artas.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (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

	<p>Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.</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 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Yatta. (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided the town of Dura and arrested 1 university student. (iii) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron. (iv) At 07:00, the Israeli army raided the area of Rammuz in the town of Halhul and demolished a 2-storey house. Consequently, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Abdul 'Aziz Walid Suweiti in the town of Dura. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished a 2-storey house belonging to Ahmed Ibrahim Abu Yousef in the town of Halhul. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> A group of Israeli settlers seized control of a 2-storey house belonging to Fayeze ar Rajabi in the old city of Hebron.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ceasefire agreement that entered into force at 06:00 on 26 November 2006 remains effective. However, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 2 occasions. In addition, the Israeli navy arrested a Palestinian fisherman, after detaining fishing boats at sea.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. From 12:45 to 13:25, the Crossing was closed in both directions.

GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open. At 12:45, the Israeli army closed the Crossing until 13:30. • Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army opened fire towards Palestinian territory, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 57 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city. (ii) At 12:45, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 82 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
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 closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Arrest/Detention: At 19:45, Israeli navy officers arrested Hatem Jum'ah Abu Sneineh, after having detained 13 Palestinian fishing boats along with fishermen. At 13:30, the Israeli navy released the detained boats and fishermen.