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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 March 2007 – 08:00 21 March 2007

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	1 civilian in 'Askar refugee camp, Nablus
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A mentally challenged civilian beaten
Injuries	4	—	4	Incl. 1 child in the town of Halhul, Hebron
Attacks	5	5	10	Incl. 3 in raids & 5 from military posts
Raids	25	1	26	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 6 in Nablus
Air Patrol	1	—	1	Combat helicopters over Qalqiliya city
Arrests	23	—	23	Incl. 1 child & 2 Pal. security officers
Detentions	30	—	30	At checkpoints & in residential locales
House Demolition	1	—	1	1 house under construction, Qalqiliya
Land Levelling	—	1	1	In the district of Central Gaza
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Hebron, Beth.
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	Incl. 1 barracks demolished in Qalqiliya
Curfew	1	—	1	Over the town of Huwvara in Nablus
Closure of Checkpoints	14	—	14	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	—	19	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 5 in Jenin
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	—	5	5	Incl. Beit Hanun (Erez) partially
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Pal. Security Measure	—	1	1	1 tunnel located south of Rafah city
TOTAL	191	17	208	

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"> 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. Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat al Bared in the city of Jerusalem with a barbed wire gate and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army continues to close the road connecting Dahiyat al Bared to the town of Ar Ram in order to complete Wall construction in the area. 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. 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. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Dahiyat al Bared, 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 Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up 4 flying checkpoints: 3 on the junctions to the town of 'Anata, the village of Hizma, and the area of Al Khan al Ahmar and 1 near the settlement of Ma'ale Adumim. Israeli troops positioned at these flying checkpoints searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 12:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Anata.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</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 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:</u> At 09:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the town of Silwad and the village of Yabrud and the other near the village of Kafr Malik, and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops served summons to 1 civilian and 1 Palestinian National Security officer to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. In addition, Israeli troops detained 6 civilians, took them to ‘Ofar Detention and Interrogation Centre, and released them at 12:00. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 20 March 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and arrested 2 civilians (described by the Israeli authorities as “wanted individuals”). (ii) At 15:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr ‘Ein. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 23:10, the Israeli army raided the village again and patrolled the area until 00:50. (iii) At 00:50, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the Industrial Zone in the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area until 03:00. (iv) At 01:45, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the city of El Bireh and patrolled the area until 03:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Beit Rima: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omar Shafiq Younes; and (ii) ‘Azzam Mteir al Asmar.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of Tammun and the other at the northern entrance to the town of Tubas, and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Fahma and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Jaba' and the village of 'Anza along the Jenin-Nablus main road and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Qabatiya, searched civilians and vehicles, and arrested 3 civilians, including 2 brothers. • Raids: At 24:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin and Jenin refugee camp and patrolled the area until 05:00. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Qays Mohammed Qaddoumi, while he was attending a trial session for his brother at Salim Detention and Interrogation Centre. <p>Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up near the town of Qabatiya arrested 3 civilians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) 'Uthman Fadhel as Souss; (iii) Ni'man Fadhel as Souss; and (iv) Mohammed Ribhi Sindyaneh.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids/Physical Assault: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. (ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of 'Attil, patrolled the area, and beat Mu'ath Sami al Massri, a mentally challenged civilian. (iii) At 14:20, an Israeli army patrol raided the village of Shufa and searched 1 house. (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided Nur Shams refugee camp, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 23:30.
QALQILIYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <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>Raids/Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Ras Tira and demolished 1 barracks used for poultry. (ii) At 16:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and demolished 1 house under construction, claiming it was being built without the required construction licence. (iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of 'Azzun and arrested 4 civilians as well as 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians and 1 Palestinian security officer in the town of 'Azzun: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammed Ahmed 'Adwan, a Palestinian National Security officer; (ii) Ya'qoub Ghazi Ali Sweidan; (iii) Ala' Abdul Fattah Mas'oud Hawwari; (iv) Seif Hisham Mustafa 'Adwan; and (v) Qussay Walid Isma'il Radhwan. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished 1 house belonging to Bassam Mousa Mustafa Yamin in the village of Jit. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 16:30, an Israeli combat helicopter patrolled the skies over the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	<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.

	<p>(v) At 08:00, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus and impeded civilian access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 08:10, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one in the area between the town of ‘Asira ash Shamaliya and the village of Talluza and the other on the junction to the village of Sabastiya, and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Curfew/Attack:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Huwwara and imposed curfew, allegedly for throwing stones at Israeli settler vehicles. The Israeli army withdrew from the area at a later time. (ii) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus as well as the refugee camps of Balata, ‘Askar, and ‘Ein Beit el Ma’. While searching houses in the refugee camps, the Israeli army opened fire, killing 1 civilian in ‘Askar refugee camp. The Israeli army also arrested 4 civilians, including 1 school student, and withdrew at 05:30. (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qalil, searched 1 house, arrested 1 civilian, and withdrew at 05:30. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Fadi Karam Abu Kishek in ‘Askar refugee camp. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:55, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Raed Mahmoud Theeb. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the city of Nablus as well as in the refugee camps of Balata, ‘Askar, and ‘Ein Beit el Ma’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Taha Jamal ‘Uleiwi, 17 years old; (iii) Shadi Salah Dbeik; (iv) Rami ‘Azzam Yaseen; and (v) Bashar Zaghoul. (vi) The Israeli army arrested Hadi Hayel S’oud in the village of Kafr Qalil.
SALFIT	<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. • <u>Raid:</u> An Israeli army patrol raided the city of Salfit and patrolled the area.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Al ‘Auja and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, 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 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area of An Nashash at the entrance to the town of Al Khadr, searched civilians and vehicles, and denied civilian access until 10:00. • Raid: At 09:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Battir and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Murad Mustafa ‘Uweinah, a Palestinian National Security officer, in the village of Battir.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <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 Kiryat Arba’ to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits.

	<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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Halhul and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Attack/Injuries:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 20 March 2007, the Israeli army raided the town of Surif and arrested 3 civilians. (ii) Beginning at 07:00 on 20 March 2007, the Israeli army remained positioned in the area of Rammuz in the town of Halhul. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 4 civilians, including 1 child. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian and withdrew at 09:30. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 05:00 on 20 March 2007, the Israeli army arrested Hamid Hasan al Muhtaseb during its raid into the city of Hebron. The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Surif: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mohammed Ibrahim al Hor; (iii) Ma'moun Ahmed 'Ayed; and (iv) Hamid Mahmoud Hmeidat. (v) The Israeli army arrested Rozy Sabe' Sabarneh in the town of Halhul.
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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 carried out 1 raid into Palestinian territory, during which it levelled land. The Israeli army also opened fire towards Palestinian territory on 5 occasions. In addition, armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, humanitarian cases, and VIPs. • Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army fired 1 artillery shell from one of its locations inside the Green Line towards agricultural land east of the town of Beit Hanun, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Palestinian Attacks: In violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, armed Palestinian individuals fired 2 mortars, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:15, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (ii) At 03:30, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 94 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory in Wadi Gaza, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Palestinian Attack: At 00:45, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 15:45, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 120 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Raid/Land Levelling: At 14:20, in violation of the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement, the Israeli army, including 10 armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers, raided 200 metres into Palestinian territory near Point 124 on the Green Line east of Al Maghazi refugee camp and levelled land. At 21:20, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: At 07:10, the Israeli army opened fire from the area near Point 170 on the Green Line towards a number of farmers east of the village of 'Abasan as Saghira, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Palestinian Attack: At 17:30, armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 unidentified mortar towards the Green Line, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAFAH</p>	<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. • Attack: At 21:10, the Israeli army opened fire from the area surrounding Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing towards Palestinian territory east of the city of Rafah, thereby violating the Israeli-Palestinian ceasefire agreement. • Palestinian Security Measure: At 12:30, Palestinian security forces located a tunnel near Point 3 on the Egyptian border south of the city of Rafah.