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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 20 March 2010 – 08:00, 21 March 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Killings	2	—	2	2 civilians, including a child, In Iraq Burin
Injuries	—	3	3	3 women in Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	8	10	18	Incl. 10 in Northern Gaza & 5 in Jerusalem
Detentions	12	—	12	Incl. 3 international activists
Raids	13	2	15	Incl. 1 on Northern Gaza & 1 on Rafah
Checkpoints	9	—	9	Access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 1 in Ramallah & 1 in Tubas
Attacks	9	8	17	Incl. the firing of 2 tank shells
House Demolition	*	—	—	Notices to demolish 2 houses in Beth.
House Occupation	4	—	4	Incl. a house in Iraq Burin village
Destruction of Property	1	1	2	Incl. leveling fruitful trees in Rafah dis.
Land Leveling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Rafah district
Wall Construction	—	—	—	Suspended for the weekend
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Jer., Beth. (2 villages) & Hebron (4 areas)
Closure of Main Roads	40	—	40	Incl. 3 in Ramallah & 1 in Jenin
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	All closed
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. entering villages in Nablus district
Demonstrations	7	1	8	Incl. against attacks on Muslim holy places
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	Firing 4 mortars towards the Green Line
TOTAL	131	36	176	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at checkpoints set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem and Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # S/02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the villages of Biddu and Beit Iksa. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 in Jerusalem city from the town of Ar Ram. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and only allows holders of Jerusalem IDs to access the city of Jerusalem. At 18:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint set up near the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp and prevented civilian access. • <u>Raid:</u> At 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Anata town and Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem. • <u>Demonstrations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:00, a mass demonstration took place in Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem in protest at settlement projects, attacks on Muslim holy places and the inauguration of Hurva synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army. (ii) At 17:00, a mass demonstration took place near Qalandiya checkpoint north of Jerusalem city in protest at settlement projects, attacks on Muslim holy places and the inauguration of Hurva synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 20 March 2010, the Israeli army arrested at Shu'fat checkpoint the civilian woman Ibtisam Khalil Abu Diyeh. (ii) On 20 March 2010, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the neighborhood of Jabal Al Mukabbir in the city of Jerusalem. They are Mu'ayyad Hamdi Shkairat; Nabil Mahmoud Al Husaini; and Ahmad Wisam Uwainat. (iii) The Israeli army arrested in Shu'fat refugee camp in the city of Jerusalem the civilian Murad Hasan Ali Abu Hamdan. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <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.
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	<p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on al-Shayyah road in the area between the villages of al-Sawahira al-Sharqiya and al-Sawahira al-Gharbiya, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area of al-‘Eizariya to al-Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu, in the areas of al-Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, west of al-Jib village, in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna, south of Beit Hanina village, and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu’fat refugee camp.
<p>RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <p>(i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil village, Safa village and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya.</p> <p>(ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued military order declaring the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni’lin and the village of Bil’in as closed military zones from 08:00 until 20:00 every Friday and for a period of 6 months. Civilian access is denied during the mentioned period without a special permit in order to prevent the weekly demonstrations against the Wall.</p> • Flying Checkpoints: <p>(i) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to Atara town and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of An Nabi Salih.</p> • Settler Violence: On 17 March 2010, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Halmish uprooted 50 olive trees that have been planted 3 weeks ago in land belonging to civilians from the village of Deir Nitham that is located near the settlement. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns and villages of ‘Abud and Bil’in, and in the areas of al-Midya to Ni’lin and Ni’lin to Deir Qaddis.
<p>JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to ‘Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • Raids: <p>(i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Jenin refugee camp.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qabatiya town.</p> • Demonstration: At 12:00, a student demonstration took place in the city of Jenin in protest at settlement projects, attacks on Muslim holy places and the inauguration of Hurva synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque in the old city of Jerusalem. • 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.

TOUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint, east of the city of Tubas, allowing civilian access from 06:00 to 22:00. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Bardala and searched civilians and vehicles.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the town of Kafr Al Labad and the village of Shofeh and the road between the villages of Shofeh and Izbat Shofeh. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • Raid: At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. • 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.
QALQILYA	<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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Izbat At-Tabib. • Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab'a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrances to the town of Aqraba and the village of Majdal Bani Fadil, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close by an iron gate the western entrance to An Naqura village, opposite Shavi 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. • Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only from 07:00 until 02:00.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Awarta commercial checkpoint is open for civilians from 05:00 until 20:00 and on Friday from 05:00 until 15:00. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 12:35, 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 until 15:30. • <u>Raid:</u> At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Iraq Burin, occupied a deserted house and converted it into a military post. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:30, a group of Israeli settlers entered land belonging to civilians from the village of Burin, attacked 2 houses and cut off a number of olive trees. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened and evacuated the settlers from the village at 13:30. (ii) At 12:40, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Bracha entered land belonging to civilians from the village of Iraq Burin and pelted a number of civilian houses with stones while attacking them. Consequently, the Israeli army raided the village and opened fire towards civilians attempting to confront the settler attack. As a result, 2 civilians, including a child, have been killed after sustaining serious injuries. The Israeli army arrested a civilian, detained another civilian and released him at a later time and withdrew at 21:30. • <u>Killings:</u> The Israeli army killed in the village of Iraq Burin 16-year-old Muhammad Ibrahim Abdulqader Qadus and Osayd Abdunaser Qadus. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested in the village of Iraq Burin the civilian Waleed Mustafa Said Saleh.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to the city of Salfit, and 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 at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 00:40, the Israeli army set up a checkpoint at the entrance to Yasuf village and searched civilians and vehicles until 01:30. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.
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. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at al-Hamra checkpoint and allow civilian access from 06:00 until 22:00. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-'Auja and allow access only to civilians holding Jericho and Jordan Valley IDs and those possessing permits.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 00:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on road # 90 near the village of Al Auja and searched civilians and vehicles.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian access to an area that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, the sideway east of Beit Fajjar town and the agricultural road that is located between the town of Taqu'a and the village of Khirbet Al Baq'a. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction leading to the settlement of Kfar Etzion. • <u>Raid:</u> At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Husan where confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area. The Israeli army withdrew at 22:10. • <u>House Demolition:</u> On 19 March 2010, the Israeli army served notices in the village of Al Walaja for demolishing 2 houses under the pretext of not having construction licenses and because they are located on the route of the Wall. The houses belong to the civilian brothers Ala' and Muhammad Abdulghani Siam. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 21:30, a group of Israeli settlers near the junction leading to the settlement of Kfar Etzion pelted stones towards civilian vehicles travelling on Bethlehem – Hebron main road. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 07:50, a student demonstration took place in the town of Taqu'a in protest at settlement projects, attacks on Muslim holy places and the inauguration of Hurva synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of the town of al-Khadr and Beit Jala city; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Ephrata settlement; and in the area surrounding al-Walaja village.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: al-Shuhada' Street and the area of al-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 al-Sahleh. The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to al Laban Market by iron boards. 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 in the area.

- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the area located near the Green Line, south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and denying them access to it.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
 - (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from traveling 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.
 - (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 bypass Road # 60.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 11:30, the Israeli army set up a number of flying checkpoints in the old city of Hebron.
 - (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to the village of Deir Samit.
 - (iii) At 20:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Wadi Ash Shajina.
 - **Raids:**
 - (i) At 02:00 on 20 March 2010, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar and searched 2 houses.
 - (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron and patrolled the area.
 - (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Al Arrub refugee camp where confrontations took place with civilians while patrolling the area.
 - (iv) At 05:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Yatta and patrolled the area.
 - **Arrests:** At 19:05, the Israeli army arrested 2 children in the area of Az Zahid in the old city of Hebron. They are Waleed Ala' Ad Deen Sharif, 16-year-old, and Rajab Abu Markhiyeh, 16-year-old.
 - **House Occupation:** At 11:30, the Israeli army occupied in the old city of Hebron the roofs of a number of civilian houses and converted them into military posts.
 - **Demonstrations:**
 - (i) At 10:20, a mass sit in demonstration with the participation of Israeli peace activists took place on land belonging to civilians from the village of Khirbet Safa that is located near the settlement of Bat Ayin against settler attacks and to enable civilians to plow their land. Consequently, the Israeli army intervened, declared the area

	<p>a closed military zone, fired rubber coated steel bullets and tear gas bombs towards demonstrators to prevent them from entering the area and detained 3 activists.</p> <p>(ii) At 13:00, mass demonstrations took place in the neighborhood of Ash Sheikh and the area of Az Zahid in the old city of Hebron in protest at settlement projects, attacks on Muslim holy places and the inauguration of Hurva synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place with the Israeli army causing suffocation to a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, in the periphery of Eshkolot settlement southwest of Adh Dhahiriya town and between southwest of Arab Ar Ramadin village and the village of Imneizil.
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GAZA STRIP

<p>ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. • The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by raiding Palestinian territory, opening fire intensively in Northern Gaza and Rafah districts and opening fire intensively and firing 2 tank shells from its locations on the Green Line in the districts of Gaza, Central Gaza, Khan Yunis and Rafah. Israeli navy boats also opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Rafah city beach. As a result, 3 civilian women have been injured in Central Gaza district and 10 civilians arrested in Northern Gaza district. • Armed Palestinian groups breached the ceasefire by firing 4 mortars towards the Green Line.
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<p>NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Raid: At noon on 20 March 2010, Israeli army infantry troops raided the industrial area of Beit Hanun (Erez) north of Beit Hanun town, opened fire intensively and arrested 10 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in the industrial area of Beit Hanun (Erez) north of Beit Hanun town 10 unknown civilians. • Palestinian Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At noon on 20 March 2010, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
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GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (i) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing for fuel transport is closed since 04 January 2010 by an Israeli unilateral decision. • Attack: In the morning of 21 March 2010, the Israeli army fired 2 tank shells from its locations on the Green Line towards a number of civilians east of Johor Ad Dik area that is located southeast of Gaza city.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: In the morning of 20 March 2010, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations in the periphery of Kissufim gate that is located on the Green Line east of the area of Wadi As-Salaqa, east of Deir Al Balah city, towards a number of participants in a mass demonstration against the buffer zone near the border fence where the Israeli army deny access to farmers and land owners for cultivation. As a result, 3 civilian women have been injured.
KHAN YOUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attack: In the morning of 21 March 2010, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line towards agricultural land and civilian houses northeast and east of Khan Yunis district. • Palestinian Attack: At 22:45, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • Raid: At 05:00 on 20 March 2010, the Israeli army, including a number of armored vehicles and a bulldozer raided 300 meters deep east of the area of Abu Mu'ammam in the periphery of Sufa Crossing northeast of Rafah city, opened fire intensively and leveled areas of agricultural land planted with fruitful trees. • Attacks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At dawn on 20 March 2010, Israeli navy boats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite Rafah city beach. (ii) In the morning of 20 March 2010, the Israeli army opened fire intensively from its locations on the Green Line towards agricultural land in the periphery of Yasser 'Arafat International Airport.