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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 25 March 2010 – 08:00 26 March 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	A child as a result of a UXO, Ramallah
Attacks	2	3	5	Incl. 3 in raids and 1 from a mil. post
Raids	19	1	20	Incl. 8 in Bethlehem and 3 in Hebron
Air Patrol	—	1	1	Reconnaissance over Central Gaza
Arrests (per person)	7	—	7	Incl. a university student
Detentions	18	—	18	Incl. busses transporting school students
Land Levelling	1	1	2	Incl. for expansion of a checkpoint
Wall Construction	22	—	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	3	1	4	Incl. 2 civilian vehicles damaged
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 2 in Jerusalem and 4 in Qalqiliya
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	3	—	3	Incl. vehicles stoned & house attacked
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A Pal. Police vehicle detained
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	148	11	159	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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 its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and to set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around 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. • <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 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. • <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. (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>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<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 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.

	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoint: At 19:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the settler bypass road near the village of Al Mughayyir and searched civilians and vehicles. • Injury: At 18:40, an Israeli army UXO exploded while Mu'ath Ahmed Hussein al Khatib, 11 years old, was playing with it in the village of Deir Nidham, leaving him with injuries. Parts of fingers on Mu'ath's left hand were also amputated. • Settler Violence/Destruction of Property: At 19:35, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Shilo threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the Ramallah-Nablus main road, causing damage to 2 vehicles. • Wall Construction: 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.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Flying Checkpoint: At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of 'Ajja and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:45. • Raids/Attack/Detention: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Qabatiya, opened fire, fired sound grenades, and patrolled the area until 03:30. (ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Jenin, searched 3 houses, and arrested 2 civilians, including a university student. The Israeli army also detained Mohammed Mahmoud Ja'far, took him to Salem military camp, and released him at a later time. (iii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Birqin and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Jenin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ala' Ibrahim Abu Jumhour; and (ii) Bayan Mohammed Malallah. • The Israeli army arrested Qussay Saleem Mahameed in the town of Birqin. • 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.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Raid: At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Tayasir.

<p>TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. On the morning of 25 March 2010, the Israeli army levelled agricultural land for expansion of the checkpoint. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
<p>QALQILYA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 15:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 18:30, 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. • Raid: At 20:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Immatin. • Detentions: At 16:00, the Israeli army detained 2 children, allegedly for throwing stones, near the northern entrance to the town of 'Azzun and released them at a later time after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). The children were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Omar Ahmed 'Umran, 14 years old; and (ii) Ibrahim Abdullah 'Umran, 14 years old. • Wall Gates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. (ii) At 08:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at the Wall gate to the village of Ras 'Atiya and thoroughly searched female civilians. • 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.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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 Checkpoint: At 08:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Furik and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus. (ii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of 'Iraq Burin.
SALFIT	<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 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. At 14:00, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, ostensibly for investigating a suspicious objective, and reopened it at 14:30. • 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 town of Bruqin and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raid: At 22:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Salfit. • Detention: At 11:00, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained a bus transporting female students, who were on a school trip from the city of Jenin to the city of Ramallah. Israeli troops released the bus after coordination with the Israeli authorities. • 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.
JERICHO	<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. At 10:00, the Israeli army installed an iron gate on the road.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra 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. (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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Detentions:</u> At 20:30, Israeli troops positioned at the Al Hamra junction checkpoint detained as well as interrogated 2 civilians and released them at a later time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ahmed Ibrahim Abu Ruweis; and (ii) Saleh Abdul 'Aziz Abu Ruweis. (iii) At 20:40, Israeli troops positioned at the Al Hamra junction checkpoint detained a number of busses, including 2 busses transporting students who were on school trips on their way to the district of Jenin. Israeli troops allowed access to the busses after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
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) 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 <i>dunums</i> (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. • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> 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. • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion on the Bethlehem-Hebron main road and searched civilians and vehicles. Israeli troops also detained a Palestinian Police vehicle, while it was transporting criminal convicts, and allowed it to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • <u>Raids/Detentions:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:05, and again at 18:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. (ii) At 10:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Khadr.

	<p>(iii) At 16:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Khas, searched a number of houses, and detained 2 children, allegedly for throwing stones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) ‘Amer Mohammed Mahmoud, 12 years old; and (ii) Majd Ibrahim Mousa, 11 years old. <p>At 22:40, the Israeli army released both children after forcing their fathers to sign pledges, stating their sons would not throw stones again.</p> <p>(iv) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Husan.</p> <p>(v) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem and fired sound grenades, while searching a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians in the city of Bethlehem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Bethlehem: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Karim Mahmoud Salem Zawahreh; and (ii) Khalil Ali Khalil. • Settler Violence: At 11:20, a group of armed Israeli settlers raided the village of Artas and withdrew at a later time. • Wall Construction: 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul 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. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:40. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura. (iii) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kharas. • <u>Arrests:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 02:20 on 25 March 2010, the Israeli army arrested Badr Sa'id 'Isa ad Duweik during its raid into the city of Hebron, in addition to those reported yesterday. (ii) At 02:25 on 25 March 2010, the Israeli army arrested Mohammed Tayseer Younes Abu 'Arqoub during its raid into the town of Dura, in addition to those reported yesterday. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 24:00, a group of Israeli settlers threw garbage and barbed wire on the roof and in front of a house belonging to Shadi Sider along Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened intensive fire in the district of Central Gaza. Israeli troops on the Green Line opened fire towards civilian houses and property in the district of Rafah. Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach in the district of Northern Gaza. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar towards the Green Line.
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<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 for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 25 March 2010, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya, injuring Hazem Jum'ah al Qar'an, a fisherman.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 26 March 2010, the Israeli navy opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea off the As Sudaniya beach west of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the morning of 26 March 2010, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of 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.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling:</u> In the afternoon of 25 March 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles and 2 bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory in the area surrounding Kissufim gate on the Green Line east of the city of Deir al Balah. The Israeli army opened fire intensively towards civilian houses and property and levelled agricultural land.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to a number of civilians and patients, who had received medical attention at Egyptian hospitals. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) 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 transported through the Crossing. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 26 March 2010, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land and civilian houses in the area surrounding Sufa Crossing northeast of the city of Rafah.