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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
08:00 25 March 2011 – 08:00 26 March 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	2	—	2	In Jerusalem & Ramallah, incl. a child
Attacks	8	2	10	Incl. 1 in a raid and 2 from mil. posts
Raids	17	—	17	Incl. 3 in Nablus and 3 in Salfit
Detentions	19	—	19	Incl. 2 children and 2 women
Wall Construction	13	—	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	1	3	Incl. a beverages factory in Gaza
Attacks on Property	1*	—	1	Incl. a tent dismantled in Tubas
Closure of Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 2 checkpoints closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	31	—	31	Incl. 5 in Qalqiliya and 9 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem and 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	46	—	46	Throughout the West Bank districts
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Settler Violence	4	—	4	Incl. Vehicles stoned in Qalqiliya
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	A Civil Defence fire truck detained
Palestinian Attacks	—	5	5	Fire opened & 8 mortars fired on Israel
Demonstrations	5	—	5	Incl. against land grab and the Wall
TOTAL	**167**	**14**	**181**	

DISTRICT	EVENTS

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** (i) On 25 March 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians from other districts to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the 'demarcation area' along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city and restrict access to the area to local residents as well as to civilians holding special permits. (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Qalandiya checkpoint. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city. (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army closed Jaba' checkpoint on the road connecting Jerusalem, Ramallah, and Jericho districts, denied civilian access, and reopened it at 23:10. • **Attack/Injury:** At 19:15, Israeli troops guarding the Wall section near Qatanna village opened fire on civilians, allegedly for throwing stones. As a result, Mohammed Fawzi Ali Shamasneh sustained bullet wounds and was transported to hospital for medical treatment. • **Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 00:30, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint detained a Palestinian Civil Defence fire truck, while it was travelling to Ar Ram town to extinguish a fire. The fire truck was allowed to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • **Demonstration:** At 12:30, civilians performed Friday prayers in the sit-in tent erected in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against the eviction of civilian homes for construction of Israeli settlement projects. After the prayers, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and participants, during which the Israeli army injured a number of civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation.

	• **Wall Gates:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village and the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. (ii) Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and impeded civilian access in the area between Silwad town and Yabrud village. (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to An Nabi Salih village and denied civilian access until 18:25. (iii) At 20:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Beit Liqya town and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 02:20, the Israeli army raided Dura al Qar' village and searched a civilian house • **Demonstrations/Raid/Attacks/Injuries/Detentions:** (i) At 12:50, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for the expansion of Halamish settlement. The Israeli army raided the village and fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades on protestors, injuring a number of participants and civilians as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also detained two civilians, released them at a later time, and withdrew at 18:20. (ii) At 12:55, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a child. Four participants also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. (iii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.

	• **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Ofarim settlement and north of Al Lubban al Gharbi and Rantis villages.
JENIN	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Mansura village and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Detentions/Attacks on Property:** (i) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided Zububa village. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. Israeli troops also detained two children and released them at a later time. (ii) At 16:20, the Israeli army raided the western quarter of Ya'bad town and distributed notices for the closure of coal plants. The Israeli army had already distributed notices for cessation of the operation of coal plants and gave affected owners a respite for challenge until 11 April 2011. • **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	• **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 city of Tubas. • **Raid:** At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the outskirts of the 'Ein al Hilwa village in the Northern Jordan Valley area and dismantled a residential tent belonging to Nabil Mustafa Daraghmeh. Before it withdrew from the area, the Israeli army also removed a tent erected by Israeli settlers at an earlier time.
TULKAREM	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • **Flying Checkpoints:** At 17:35, and again at 07:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road connecting Tulkarem and Qalqiliya districts and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and combed the area between Tulkarem city and Kafr al Labad town. (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the area between Deir al Ghusun and 'Attil towns and searched a barracks. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.

QALQILYA	• **Closure of Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 09:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Hajja and Al Funduq villages and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kafr Laqif village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 09:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Jit village. At 18:00, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 21:30. • **Raids:** (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and combed Al Muntar area in 'Azzun town. (ii) At 18:20, the Israeli army raided and combed the western quarter of Qalqiliya city after a Molotov cocktail had been thrown at the Wall section. At 18:35, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. • **Settler violence:** At 19:15, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling near Kedumim settlement along the Qalqiliya-Nablus main road. • **Wall Gates:** (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. (ii) The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (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 road connecting the town of 'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town of Qabalan and the village of Osarin. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.

	Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: (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 Checkpoints:** (i) At 14:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and impeded civilian access at the entrance to Beit Furik town. (ii) At 15:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Nablus city and 'Asira ash Shamaliya town and searched civilians and vehicles until 16:50. **Raids/Attack:** (i) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided Jurish village, opened indiscriminate fire, and patrolled the area until 02:20. (ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided Burqa village, searched a house, and served a summons on Tareq Wael Mohammed Daghlas to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 03:00, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (iii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided Talluza village and patrolled it until 04:50. **Settler Violence/Destruction of Property:** (i) At 15:10, a group of Israeli settlers threw stones at civilian vehicles near the junction to Yitzhar settlement, breaking windshield of a vehicle belonging to Ibrahim Saleem Abdullah Hawamdeh. At 22:30, Israeli settlers stoned civilian vehicles again and broke windshield of 'Anan Kamel Mohammed Ahmed's vehicle. (ii) At 16:20, a group of Israeli settlers gathered at the entrance to Burqa village and attempted to raid the village. However, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area.
SALFIT	**Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to the Bruqin town. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland. (iii) Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years.

	• **Checkpoint:** At 10:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.
	• **Raids:**
	(i) At 13:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Az Zawiya town.
	(ii) At 15:10, the Israeli army raided Qarawat Bani Hassan town. While searching a house, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. The Israeli army also set up a checkpoint at the town's entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and withdrew at a later time.
	(iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided Haris village and patrolled the area until 18:40.
	• **Detentions:** At 10:15, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained two female civilians, claiming that they were not in possession of their ID cards, and released them at 11:10.
	• **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
JERICHO	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.
	• **Checkpoints/Detentions:**
	(i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area. However, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint at 09:25. Ostensibly for locating suspicious objects onboard their truck, Israeli troops detained two civilians and forced them to strip:
	(i) Rizq Mahmoud al Ashqar; and
	(ii) Ramez Mohammed Hussein Gharaybeh.
	Having released both civilians, Israeli troops reopened the checkpoint at 12:15.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.
	• **Raid:** At 10:50, the Israeli army raided Fasayil village, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
BETHLEHEM	• **Closure:**
	(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 # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunum*s of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07.
	(iii) Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.

	Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad road; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village. **Checkpoint:** At 22:25, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the north-western entrance to Beit Jala city and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Husan village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tuqu' town and searched civilians and vehicles. (iv) At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on An Nashash junction (the southern entrance to Bethlehem city) and searched civilians and vehicles. **Demonstration:** At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops intercepted the demonstration and prevented participants from accessing civilian land under the threat of confiscation for construction of the Wall. **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
Hebron	**Closure:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close Ash Shuhada' Street, As Sahleh and Khuzq al Far areas, and the old gold market in the old city of Hebron. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood, the Israeli army continues to close the entrances to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) with an iron gate and Al Laban Market with iron plates. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S on the closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction. **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to As Samoa' and Adh Dhahiriya towns, Al 'Arrub refugee camp, and At Tuwani and Al Karmil villages. (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 all roads leading to Road # 60 as well as detour roads along the settler bypass road leading to Yatta town. (iv) Beginning at 08:00 on 24 March 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades detour roads leading to Beit Ummar town.

	• **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Kharsa village and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 08:10, and again at 03:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to At Tabaqa village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 09:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles at the northern entrance to Hebron city (along Road # 35 near the overpass to Halhul town). (iv) At 11:00, and again at 19:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to Halhul town and searched civilians and vehicles. (v) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Idhna town and searched civilians and vehicles. (vi) At 15:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Ummar town, closed the iron gate, and denied access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army reopened the gate at a later time. (vii) At 19:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Kahil town and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raid:** At 03:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• 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. The ceasefire continues to hold. • **Violations of the Ceasefire:** (i) The Israeli army opened fire and fired an artillery shell from its locations on the Green Line on Palestinian territory in Gaza and Central Gaza districts. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals opened fire and fired eight mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.

	(ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. • **Attack:** At dawn on 26 March 2011, the Israeli army fired an artillery shells from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Az Zaytun neighbourhood, setting fire and causing damage to a carbonated beverages factory.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Palestinian Attack/Israeli Attack:** In the evening of 25 March 2011, armed Palestinian individuals opened fire on an Israeli army patrol near the Green Line in the area surrounding Kessufim gate northeast of Al Qarara town. Consequently, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on Palestinian territory.
KHAN YUNIS	• **Palestinian Attacks/Israeli Attack:** (i) At 08:50, four mortars were fire towards the Green Line. (ii) In the evening of 25 March 2011, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line. (iii) At dawn on 26 March 2011, two unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 17:40, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.