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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 26 March 2010 – 08:00 27 March 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	1	A civilian in the district of Khan Yunis
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	2 female civilians run over by a jeep
Injuries	1	8	9	Incl. 3 civilians in critical condition
Air Attack	—	1	1	Missile by helicopters on Khan Yunis
Attacks	4	9	13	Incl. 6 in raids and 2 from mil. posts
Raids	6	3	9	Incl. 2 in Qalqiliya and 2 in Khan Yunis
Air Patrols	—	5	5	3 by reconnaissance & 2 by helicopters
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	Incl. a female civilian in Jerusalem
Detentions	11	—	11	Incl. an Israeli peace activist, Ramallah
House Demolition	—	1	1	A civilian house in Khan Yunis
Land Levelling	—	1	1	Agricultural land in Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	22	—	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	—	1	1	Crops in Khan Yunis
Closure of Checkpoints	8	—	8	Incl. access impeded at 5 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	18	—	18	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 2 in Tulkarem
Closure (per District)	9	—	9	Incl. Ni'lin and Bil'in in Ramallah
Closure of Main Roads	40	—	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	—	6	6	Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing partially
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	—	1	Civil Defence vehicle detained, Salfit
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	6	—	6	Incl. against Wall construction
TOTAL	131	37	168	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 26 March 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up several flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Excluding those holding Israeli-issued ID cards, the Israeli army denied access to civilians to perform Friday prayers at the mosque. (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. • Closure of Main Roads: <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. • 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. • Arrest: At 21:30, Israeli troops positioned at Qalandiya checkpoint arrested Islam Yousef Safi, a female civilian, allegedly for locating a knife in her possession. • Demonstration: At 16:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlers' seizure of civilian houses. • Wall Gates: <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.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol 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. (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. • Demonstrations: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation. The Israeli army also detained an Israeli peace activist. (ii) At 13:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation. (iii) At 14:00, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih against settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 15-year-old Ahmed Yousef at Tamimi. Other protestors sustained injuries of tear gas inhalation. • 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">JENIN</p>	<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 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between the towns of Az Zababida and 'Aqqaba and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. • 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.
TULKAREM	<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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Ramin and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit Lid and searched civilians and vehicles. • Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILYA	<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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Hajj and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nabi Elyas. (ii) At 03:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. • Wall Gates: <ol 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.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ol 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 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road and searched civilians and vehicles. • Demonstration: At 18:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in solidarity with the families of 2 civilians the Israeli army had killed in the village of 'Awarta, as was reported on 22 March 2010.
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. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, and again at 22:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Iskaka and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 19:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Istiya and searched civilians and vehicles. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 16:05, Israeli troops positioned at the Za'tara junction checkpoint detained a Palestinian Civil Defence vehicle as well as 2 Civil Defence officers and allowed them to cross after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO). • 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 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the Dead Sea 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) 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 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Fajjar and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> At 10:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the evacuated military post of 'Ush Ghurab east of the city of Beit Sahur. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:30, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall destruction. Israeli troops denied access to participants the Wall construction site. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> 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.
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: 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:**
 - (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.
 - **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 18:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Wadi Sa'ir road and impeded civilian access.
 - **Physical Assaults:** At 15:40, an Israeli army jeep ran over 2 female civilians in the vicinity of the town of Dura, leaving with contusions:
 - (i) Ma'zouzeh Khamis Abu Ali; and
 - (ii) Fatima Hasan Abu Ali.
 - **Attack:** At 16:00, the Israeli army fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards a number of civilians in the area of Az Zahed in the old city of Hebron. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians.
 - **Raids:**
 - (i) At 11:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Bani Na'im.
 - (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
 - **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the area of Az Zahed in the old city of Hebron.
 - **Wall Construction:** 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.

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. • Violations of the Ceasefire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory, opened intensive fire, and fired tank shells as well as 1 missile mortar towards civilian houses and property in the districts of Northern Gaza and Khan Yunis. Israeli troops on the Green Line opened fire towards the district of Northern Gaza. Israeli combat helicopters opened machinegun fire and fired missiles on the district of Khan Yunis. Israeli attacks resulted in the killing 1 civilian and injury of 8 others, including 3 who were in a critical health condition. The Israeli army also demolished 1 house. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.
<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 for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. • Attacks/Injury: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At noon on 26 March 2010, the Israeli army opened fire from its location in the area surrounding Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing on the Green Line north of the town of Beit Hanun opened fire towards and injured 15-year-old Sa'id Abdul 'Aziz Hamdan. (ii) In the evening of 26 March 2010, the Israeli army fired 1 missile mortar from its location inside the Green Line towards the area surrounding the eastern cemetery east of the town of Jabalya. • Raid/Air Patrol/Attack: In the evening of 26 March 2010, the Israeli army, including several armoured vehicles covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided Palestinian territory east of the town of Jabalya and opened fire intensively towards agricultural land. • Palestinian Attack: In the morning of 27 March 2010, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (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"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Air Patrols/Attacks/Injuries/Land Levelling:</u> At 14:30, the Israeli army, including tanks and armoured vehicles covered by reconnaissance aircraft and combat helicopters, raided 500 metres into Palestinian territory east of the village of ‘Abasan as Saghira, opened intensive fire, and fired a number of tank shells towards civilian houses and agricultural land. An armed confrontation took place between Israeli troops and armed Palestinian individuals. Israeli combat helicopters also opened machinegun fire and fired a number of missiles towards civilians, killing 7 civilian and injuring 5 others. Of these, 3 civilians sustained critical wounds, including 12-year-old Nasem Jawad Abu Daqqah. The Israeli army also injured 2 armed Palestinian individuals. At 21:40, the Israeli army, including tanks, armoured vehicles, and 3 bulldozers, covered by reconnaissance aircraft and combat helicopters, raided the area again. The Israeli army opened intensive fire, levelled agricultural land, and demolished 1 house. • <u>Killing:</u> The Israeli army killed Haytham Abdul Hakeem ‘Arafat east of the village of ‘Abasan as Saghira. • <u>House Demolition:</u> The Israeli army demolished a house belonging to Hashem ad Dughmeh east of the village of ‘Abasan as Saghira.
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 closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.