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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 28 March 2009 – 08:00, 29 March 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	—	1	During attack on demonstrators in Heb.
Physical Assaults	3	—	3	Incl. severely beat a civilian during arrest
Arrests (per person)	3	—	3	Incl. 1 university student & 1 officer
Detentions	15	—	15	Incl. 1 woman officer & 2 peace activists
Raids	27	1	28	Inc. 4 on Tubas & 1 on Khan Yunis
Closure of Checkpoints	13	—	13	Incl. access impeded at 7 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	11	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem & 1 in Jericho
Attacks	2	2	4	Incl. 1 during a raid & 1 by warboats
Curfew	1	—	1	Continues over Hares village in Salfit
Wall Construction	—	—	—	Suspended for the weekend
Closure (per District)	7	—	7	Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	53	—	53	Incl. 5 in Ramallah & 5 in Salfit
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	7	All closed
Demonstration	1	—	1	In Hebron against settlement activities
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	137	11	147	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure: <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 al-Aqsa Mosque compound and impede civilian access to the mosque. (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 02/09 closing the seam line area, an extension of the Wall, according to a set of land confiscation orders, for the construction of the Wall around the city of Jerusalem to prevent civilians from entering the city, with the exception of civilians living in the area and those holding permits. Entry is regulated through crossings and gates set up at entrances to the city of Jerusalem, as designated in the military order. 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 in Jerusalem city 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. Flying Checkpoint: At 10:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalandiya refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles until 12:00. 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 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. 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, and south of Beit Hanina village.
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<p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil; the western entrances to the villages of Safa and Ein Yabrud; the road between the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik – Ein Samiya. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to ‘Atara town and impede civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided El Bireh city. Again at 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area. (ii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Rafat village. (iii) At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ramallah city. • <u>Arrest:</u> At 17:00, the Israeli army arrested at the checkpoint set up on the overpass leading to Atara town the Palestinian Presidential Guard officer Fadi Sharif An Nouni. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of ‘Abud town 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"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to ‘Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> 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.
<p style="text-align: center;">TOUBAS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence is the Northern Jordan Valley. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Far’a refugee camp. (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Aqaba, the village of Tayasir and Al Far’a refugee camp.
<p style="text-align: center;">TULKAREM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Shofeh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr Dan to the village of Shofeh. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Einav checkpoint that is set up on Tulkarm-Nablus main road. • <u>Raids:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the neighborhood of Shuweika in the city of Tulkarm.

	<p>(ii) At 22:45, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp in the city of Tulkarm where confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army while patrolling the area. The Israeli army withdrew at 23:10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 the agricultural roads east of the town of ‘Azzun. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint that is set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and impede civilian access. At 21:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint and prevented civilian access in both directions until 22:00. • Arrest: At 17:00, the Israeli army severely beat and detained the civilian Muntaser Muhammad Arar at the Wall gate leading to Ras Atiyeh village. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at ‘Azzun ‘Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. • Wall Construction: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land leveling for Wall construction ceased in the towns of Azzun and Kafr Thulth as well as in the villages of Immatin and Kafr Laqif. (ii) Wall construction was suspended for the weekend south of the town of Jayyus. (iii) Land leveling for the adjustment of the Wall route was suspended for the weekend 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.
<p>NABLUS</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 cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit, Tel-Burin, Beit Furik-Salem, the road between Aqraba town and the main road and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya; and with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Tel and Madama, the southern entrance to the village of Qaryut, the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya, the western entrance to the town of Aqraba, the southern entrance to the village of Duma, the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan, the western entrance to the village of Majdal Bani Fadil as well as the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al-Hatab to Alon Moreh settlement. (ii) Passage through the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron on Jenin-Nablus road is allowed daily from 06:00 until 21:00.

	<p>(iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Madama.</p> <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 neighborhood 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 neighborhood only. (ii) Palestinian holders of Israeli IDs are allowed to enter with their vehicles into Nablus city through all its checkpoints. They are allowed to depart the city of Nablus through Beit Furik checkpoint and Beit Iba gate. Physicians who are residents of Nablus are also allowed passage with their vehicles without permits. (iii) The Israeli army allowed all residents and their families from Nablus city to cross all the checkpoints around the city in their vehicles without crossing permits. (iv) The iron gate near the junction leading to the village of Deir Sharaf on Nablus-Tulkarm main road is opened daily from 05:00 to 24:00 for civilian access in both directions without access permits. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Qusra village. (ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus and patrolled the area until 02:00. • Detention: At 15:10, the Israeli army detained At Huwwara checkpoint police woman Malak Az Zibin and released her at 15:40 following the intervention of military liaison.
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 Salfit city and the eastern entrance to the village of Yasuf. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrances to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. (iii) Beginning at 21:00 on 27 March 2009, the Israeli army closed with dirt barricades the western entrance to Hares village. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • Raid: Beginning at 21:00 on 27 March 2009, the Israeli army positioned troops in the village of Hares, imposed curfew on the area, closed with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village and withdrew at 05:30. • Arrest: At 14:10, the Israeli army arrested at Za'tara junction checkpoint the university student Abdallah Nabhan Odeh. • Wall Construction: 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 Kafr Hares north of the settlement of Ariel.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of al-‘Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at al-Hamra checkpoint set up along al-Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of al-‘Auja along Al-Mu’arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah. • Flying Checkpoint: At 11:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on road # 90 in the middle of Al Auja village and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:40. • Detention: At 08:30, the Israeli army detained at Al Hamra junction checkpoint the Palestinian National Security officer Ibrahim Abu Mustafa and released him at 11:15 following the intervention of military liaison.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu’mān, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) Since September 15, 2007, the Israeli army has been preventing civilian access, according to military order 07.02.S, to the 22-dunum land that has been confiscated in accordance with confiscation order number 07.31.T. The 22-dunum area has been set to construct a passage in the area of Mazmouriyyeh that is located in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the two sideways east and south of Al Walaja village and the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad, Talita-Nazlet As-Sidr in the city of Beit Jala, Al Khadr town-Road # 60, Al Khadr town-Beit Jala housing, Wadi Rahal-Efrat and the sideways east of Beit Fajjar town. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Taqu’a and searched civilians and vehicles until 14:00. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to An Nashash area (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:35, the Israeli army raided the village of Wadi An Neis, took photographs for a number of houses and occupied their roofs. (ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah and set up a flying checkpoint. Again at 19:00, the Israeli army raided the area and set up a flying checkpoint (for the second time). (iii) At 17:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem.

	<p>(iv) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided Al Khadr town. Again at 02:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(v) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and was still in the area at the time of preparing this report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the area northwest of al-Khadr town; northwest of 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"> • Closure: <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 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) Although it expired on 07 May 2006, the Israeli army continues to implement a military order stipulating the prohibition of civilian vehicles from traveling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron unless they possess access permits. (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued military order # 06/09 closing the area located near the Green Line south of Yatta town, evacuating the area of those inside it and preventing civilians from entering it. This is the land confiscated for military purposes for Wall construction according to military orders # 03/05 and # 04/05. • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the entrance to the town of al-Samoa'; the area of al-Hawawir leading to the town of Halhoul; the area of al-Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; and the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to al-Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron as well as the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp. (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from 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. (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the Iron Gate on the junction of

	<p>Farsh Al Hawa, which leads to Road # 35 that leads to Tarqumiya Crossing, from 05:00 until 07:00 and from 09:00 until 13:00.</p> <p>(v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya that leads to the bypass road.</p> <p>(vi) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to the villages of Wadi Ash Shajina and Khirbet Bism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <p>(i) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(ii) At 11:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fahs area, south of Hebron city, and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 08:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Halhul town.</p> <p>(ii) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Khurisa, set up a flying checkpoint at its entrance and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(iii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town.</p> <p>(iv) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tarqumiya town.</p> <p>(v) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Ummar, threw leaflets warning against stoning the Israeli army and the military tower set up at the entrance to the town and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(vi) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Arrub refugee camp.</p> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:30, a sit in demonstration took place in the old city of Hebron with the participation of international peace activists. The demonstration was against settlement and demanded the opening of Ash Shuhada' street. The Israeli army attacked demonstrators and fired sound grenades and tear-gas bombs and beat demonstrators with rifle butts and clubs causing contusions to 2 civilians and suffocation to another civilian as a result of tear-gas inhalation. The Israeli army detained 2 international peace activists. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal, the remaining section of the Wall route that separates the settlement of Eshkolot from the village of al-Ramadin, and near the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta.
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GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	<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 areas and opening fire from warboats towards Palestinian fishermen's boats in the middle of the sea. • Armed Palestinian groups breached the ceasefire by firing a mortar towards the Green Line.
NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • Attack: In the morning on 29 March 2009, Israeli army warboats opened fire intensively towards Palestinian fishermen's boats in the middle of the sea opposite As Sudaniya area beach, northwest of Beit Lahiya town. • Palestinian Attack: In the evening on 28 March 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported.
KHAN YOUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 01:20, the Israeli army, including a number of armored vehicles, raided Palestinian areas east of Khuza'a town and clashed with armed Palestinian individuals.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: (All Closed) <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.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prison Sentences:</u> (i) The Israeli military court at Salem Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced political prisoner Allan Maher Obaid to 9 years in prison and 36 months stay of execution; and sentenced his brother Anan Maher Obaid to 69 months stay of execution. The court postponed for varied periods the trials of 7 political prisoners from the district of Nablus. (ii) The Israeli military court at Ofer Detention and Interrogation Centre postponed for varied periods the trials of 6 political prisoners and extended orders of administrative detention for varied periods against 10 others.
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