

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00, 29 March 2009 – 08:00, 30 March 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

| EVENT | WEST BANK | GAZA STRIP | TOTAL | NOTES |
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| Injury | 1 | — | 1 | 1 severely beaten working in Israel proper |
| Arrests (per person) | 7 | — | 7 | In Raml'h., Qalq. & Jenin, incl. 3 child. |
| Detentions | 16 | — | 16 | At checkpoints & in residential locals |
| Raids | 31 | — | 31 | Incl. 7 in Jenin & 6 in Ramallah |
| Closure of Checkpoints | 14 | — | 14 | Incl. access impeded at 9 checkpoints |
| Flying Checkpoints | 12 | — | 12 | Incl. 4 in Ramallah & 2 in Tulkarm |
| Attacks | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 in raids & 1 from military post |
| Curfew | 1 | — | 1 | Continues over Hares village in Salfit |
| Provocation of Pal. Forces | 1 | — | 1 | Detaining 3 Presidential Guard vehicles |
| Destruction of Property | 2 | — | 2 | Incl. fruitful trees uprooted by settlers |
| Wall Construction | 25 | — | 25 | Jer., Raml'h., Qalq., Salfit, Heb., Beth. |
| Closure (per District) | 7 | — | 7 | Incl. Jerusalem, Tulkarm & Hebron |
| Closure of Main Roads | 53 | — | 53 | Incl. 16 in Hebron & 13 in Nablus |
| Closure of Crossing Points | — | 5 | 5 | Only 2 crossings are partially open |
| Settlement Activity | 1 | — | 1 | The construction of a new settlement road |
| Settler Violence | 5 | — | 5 | Incl. sewage directed at Jalbun village |
| TOTAL | 178 | 6 | 184 | |

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| 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. 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: On 29 March 2009, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass leading to the village of Rafat and searched civilians and vehicles. Settler Violence: On 29 March 2009, a group of settlers severely beat in Silwan neighborhood in the city of Jerusalem the civilian Tamer Issa Al Qara'in while standing near his house. He was admitted to an Israeli hospital for treatment. Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks. 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. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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. |
| <p style="text-align: center;">RAMALLAH & EL BIREH</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: 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. • Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint on the overpass to ‘Atara town and impede civilian access. • Flying Checkpoints: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 13:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to Surda village and opened fire indiscriminately. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to Um Safa village and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 16:05, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction leading to An Nabi Saleh village and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Turmus’ayya until 10:30. (ii) At 10:55, the Israeli army raided the town of Bir Zeit and patrolled the area until 11:55. (iii) At 11:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city. Again at 22:00, the Israeli army raided the area, arrested 2 civilians and withdrew at 23:05. (iv) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Um Safa village. (v) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided Arura town and searched a house. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested in El Bireh city the civilians Omar Mustafa Hamida and Ahmad Muhammad Naseef. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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"> • Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to ‘Arraba town, east of the settlement of Dotan. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:50, the Israeli army raided the town of Az Zababida and the villages of Um At-Toot, Jalqamus and Talfit. While patrolling the village of Jalqamus, an Israeli army jeep ran into a civilian vehicle and caused damages to it. The Israeli army withdrew at 10:30. (ii) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Meithalun and the village of Sanur. (iii) At 19:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Zububa village. • Arrests: On 28 March 2009, the Israeli army arrested 3 children south of Ya’bad town under the pretext of finding a locally made gun in their |

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| | <p>possession. They are: Suhayb Said Muhammad Qabha, 14-year-old; Basel Atiyeh Muhammad Abu Bakr, 15-year-old; and Ammar Omar Saleh, 14-year-old.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> On 29 March 2009, sewage water continued to flow from the settlement of Mirav towards the agricultural land of Jabun village. It contaminated and polluted plants, created a health hazard and may cause the spread of diseases. • <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. |
| TOUBAS | <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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At ;09:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Tubas and the town of Aqaba. (ii) At 03:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Aqaba, searched 2 houses and withdrew at 03:50. |
| TULKAREM | <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 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>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Kafriyat road which connects the district of Tulkarm to the district of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:00. (ii) At 10:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the unpaved road that connects the neighborhood of Dhinnaba to the city of Tulkarm and the village of Kafr Al Labad and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:30. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. |
| QALQILYA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Roads:</u> The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> 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. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Azzun town. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Qaddum and patrolled the area. (iii) At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit, searched a number of houses and arrested 2 civilians. (iv) At 02:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Qalqiliya until 06:10. • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested in the village of Jit the civilians Jamal Mahmoud Yamin and Abdallah Ahmad Rasheed Abu Bakr. • <u>Wall Gates:</u> <ul 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. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul 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 continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfeh Minesheh in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet Ad Dab’a and Wadi Ar Rasha, located south of Qalqiliya city. |
| NABLUS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <ul 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. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the eastern entrance to the village of Madama. • <u>Checkpoints:</u> 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. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) The Israeli army allowed residents from Nablus city who are above the age of 50 years to cross with their families and vehicles the checkpoints around the city 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the main road of Huwwara town. • <u>Raid:</u> At 02:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus until 03:15. • <u>Settlement Activity:</u> At 14:00, the Israeli army started the construction of 12-meters wide settlement road which connects the settlement of Shavi Shomron to Nablus – Tulkarm main road. • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:50, 3 armed Israeli settlers entered Palestine Park in the village of Al Badhan. (ii) At 17:40, a group of settlers entered the periphery of a mosque in Al Aqrabaniya village. |
| SALFIT | <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 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) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrance to the village of Hares. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Za'tara checkpoint and impede civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Hares, fired sound grenades and imposed curfew while patrolling the area. Again at 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kafr Ad Dik until 21:00. (iii) At 02:25, the Israeli army raided the town of Biddya, searched a house and withdrew at 03:30. • <u>Injury:</u> At 14:00, the civilian Anwar Yousef Abdulfattah from the village of Marda was injured and admitted to an Israeli hospital for treatment as a result of severe beating by the Israeli army while working inside Israel proper. The Israeli army alleged that the above mentioned civilian victim did not possess an Israeli entry permit. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues 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. |

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| 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. • 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. • Provocation of Palestinian Forces: At 01:00, the Israeli army detained at the D.C.O. checkpoint that is set up at the southern entrance to the city of Jericho 3 Presidential Guard vehicles and released them following the intervention of military liaison. |
| BETHLEHEM | <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'man, 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. • Checkpoint: At 09:30, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at Al Container checkpoint. Again at 15:20, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions and impeded civilian access in both directions. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 22:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Al Khadr town. (ii) At 23:50, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 02:05. • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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 |

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| | <p>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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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 road connecting the town of Surif to the village of al-Jab'a; 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; the main entrance to al-'Arrub refugee camp; the village of At Tuwani as well as the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army continues to open the Iron Gate on the junction of 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 dirt barricades the entrances to the villages of Wadi Ash Shajina and Khirbet Bism.</p> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 10:35, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, set up a flying checkpoint in the area of Ras Al Jora and patrolled the area. Again at 21:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(ii) At 20:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Yatta town.</p> <p>(iii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Dura town.</p> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 16:30, a group of settlers cut a number of fruitful trees in the neighborhood of Tal Rumeida in the old city of Hebron. |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wall Construction: Wall construction continues 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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| <p>ALL DISTRICTS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the Israeli army declared a unilateral ceasefire. In the meantime, armed Palestinian groups declared a one-week-long ceasefire. Meanwhile, the ceasefire was extended until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire is holding despite the end of the specified period. • The Israeli army violated the ceasefire by opening fire from one of its locations on the Green Line towards a number of farmers and shepherds east of Ash Shoka town, located east of Rafah city. |
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| <p>NORTHERN GAZA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. |
| <p>GAZA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al-Muntar (Karni) Crossing is closed. (ii) Al-Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open to allow entry of fuel. |
| <p>CENTRAL GAZA</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported. |
| <p>KHAN YOUNIS</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities not reported. |
| <p>RAFAH</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Crossing Points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al Awdah) Crossing is closed. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open to allow entry of food and humanitarian supplies. • Attack: In the morning on 29 March 2009, The Israeli army opened fire from one of its locations in the periphery of Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing on the Green Line towards a number of farmers and shepherds east of Ash Shoka town, located east of Rafah city. |

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| POLITICAL PRISONERS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Prison Sentences and Administrative Detention:</u> (i) The Israeli military court at Ofer Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced political prisoner Yaser Abu Turki from the city of Hebron to 2 life imprisonments and 20 additional years in prison. (ii) The Israeli military court at Salem Detention and Interrogation Centre passed prison sentences against the following political prisoners: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Omar Dhiyab Rajeh from Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus sentenced to 26 months in prison and a fine of 4000 shekel (US\$995). 2. Muhammad Jamal Jabr from Balata refugee camp in the city of Nablus sentenced to 5 months in prison and a fine of 2000 shekel (US\$490). 3. Nael Khamis Awad from the city of Nablus sentenced to 4 months in prison and a fine of 1000 shekel (US\$254). 4. Maher Shamasneh from the city of Qalqiliya sentenced to 3 months in prison and a fine of 500 shekel (US\$122). 5. Uday As Saifi from the city of Nablus sentenced to 3 months in prison and a fine of 500 shekel (US\$122). 6. As'ad Saleem from Azzun town in the city of Qalqiliya sentenced to 75 days in prison and a fine of 2000 shekel (US\$445). <p>The court postponed the trials of 8 political prisoners and extended orders of administrative detention for varied periods against 28 others.</p> |
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