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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 29 March 2011 – 08:00 30 March 2011

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	_	1	1	An armed individual in Rafah
Physical Assaults	3		3	Civilians severely beaten in Bethlehem
Injury	_	1	1	An armed individual in Rafah
Air Attacks	_	2	2	Missiles fired on Rafah
Attacks	2		2	1 during confrontations and 1 by settler
Raids	28		28	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 5 in Jenin
Air Patrols	_	2	2	By F16 aircraft and a UAV
Deportation	1		1	A 14-year-old boy from his house
Arrests (per person)	3		3	2 in Bethlehem and 1 in Hebron
Detentions	14		14	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Land Levelling	1		1	Near Efrat settlement in Bethlehem
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
Destruction of Property	1*	1	2	Incl. olive trees and grapevines
Attacks on Property	5*		5	Incl. a hydraulic excavator detained
Closure of Checkpoints	11		11	Incl. a checkpoint temporarily closed
Flying Checkpoints	26		26	Incl. 6 in Nablus and 5 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	7		7	Incl. Jerusalem & 2 areas in Bethlehem
Closure of Main Roads	46		46	Throughout the West Bank districts
Closure of Crossing Points	_	4	4	Incl. humanitarian cases allowed access
Settler Violence	1	_	1	Fired opened by a settler, Qalqiliya
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	A mortar fired towards the Green Line
TOTAL	159	15	174	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) On 29 March 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up flying checkpoint on road junctions and at entrances to the old city of Jerusalem, and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.

• Raids:

- (i) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided Abu Dis town. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
- (ii) At 23:40, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Biddu town.
- (iii) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Ar Ram town.
- <u>Deportation</u>: On 29 March 2011, an Israeli court entered a decision on the deportation for 60 days of 14-year-old Saleem Bader ash Sha'ar, who has been arrested since 27 March 2011, from his family's house in Ath Thuri neighbourhood in Jerusalem city. The court also ruled that Ash Sha'ar's father pay a fine of ILS 750 (approximately US\$ 210).

• 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.

JERUSALEM

RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages. Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village. Flving Checkpoint: At 21:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to At Tayba town and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 10:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled El Bireh city and Beituniya town. 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. Raids: At 08:45, the Israeli army raided Kufeirit village and patrolled the area until 09:00. At 09:45, the Israeli army raided Rummana village and patrolled it until 11:45. At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Meithalun town. At 11:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Ra'i town and Fahma village. 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 restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas. Raid/Attacks on Property: At 11:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Aqaba village and delivered notices for the demolition of two barracks belonging to: Khaled Ahmed Subeih; and Basem Abdul Raheem Subeih. The Israeli army also demanded that the Al 'Aqaba Village Council suspend operation of the As Salam Street, leading to Al Mahabba area in the vicinity of the village.
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 a detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road. Checkpoint: At 09:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.

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	 Flying Checkpoint: At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Zeita town and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 10:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Tulkarem city. At 11:45, the Israeli army raided 'Illar town and patrolled the area until 13:25. At 23:50, the Israeli army raided 'Anabta town and patrolled the area until 00:55. At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled until 04:00 Tulkarem city and Nur Shams refugee camp. 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: At 10:55, and again at 01:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles. At 15:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Qalqiliya city and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 12:30, the Israeli army raided 'Azzun town. At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the town again and patrolled it until 03:30. At 02:10, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Kafr Qaddum village. Settler Violence: at 19:30, an Israeli settler opened fire on Jasser at Tabib near the entrance to 'Izbat at Tabib village and fled. Jasser was not injured. Wall Gates: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector. 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: 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 Oabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the villages of Duma and Oarvut; and the western entrance to An Nagura 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:
- At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed (i) 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.
- At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross (ii) 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.
- At 20:30, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at the Shavei (iii) Shomron checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

Flying Checkpoints/Detentions:

- (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to Deir Sharaf village on the Nablus-Tulkarem main road. At 03:45, the Israeli army set up another checkpoint and searched civilians and vehicles until 04:25.
- At 17:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to (ii) Qusin village and searched civilians and vehicles until 19:00.
- (iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the settler bypass road near Zawata village, searched civilians and vehicles, detained passengers onboard a bus, and released them at a later time.
- (iv) At 20:10, 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 21:55.
- At 21:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between (v) Beit Furik town and Beit Dajan village and searched civilians and
- Raid: At 19:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled 'Asira ash Shamaliya town.

Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the northern entrance to the Brugin town.

- The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrances to (ii) two detour roads connecting Marda village to its respective farmland.
- Beginning on 14 November 2010, the Israeli army has continued to (iii) open the northern entrance to Salfit city to civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years.
- Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and impede civilian access.

SALFIT

	• Raid: At 10:10, the Israeli army raided Biddya town and patrolled the area
	 until 10:45. 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: 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. At 18:10, however, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, allegedly for investigating a suspicious object, and reopened it at a later time. 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. Flving Checkpoints: At 08:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the southern entrance to Jericho city and searched civilians and vehicles. At 08:55, the Israeli army set up three flying checkpoints and searched civilians and vehicles on the junction to Adam junction along Road # 90 near Al Jiftlik village, near Al Jiftlik village's school, and near the junction to Masu'a settlement. Raids: At 09:25, the Israeli army raided Al Jiftlik village and detained four tractors and a hydraulic excavator until their owners brought respective title documents. At 20:40, the Israeli army raided Fasayil village, raided a house, and withdrew at 22:30. Detentions: At 16:35, Israeli troops detained Feisal Khamis and his son Murad, while they were tending sheep near Marj al Ghazal village. Israeli troops released both civilians at 17:30.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: 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. 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 dunums 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. Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.

- <u>Closure of Main Roads</u>: 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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: At 11:00, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at As Sawahira ash Sharqiya (the 'Container') checkpoint and impeded civilian access.

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the northwestern entrance to Beit Jala city and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the western entrance to Husan village, searched vehicles, and arrested a civilian.
- (iii) At 22:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Fajjar town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Raid/Physical Assaults: At 02:10, the Israeli army raided Ad Duheisha refugee camp in Bethlehem city, searched a house and internet cafe, and severely beat three civilians. In addition to arresting a civilian, Israeli troops served summonses on three civilians (brothers) to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. At 04:55, the Israeli army withdrew from the area.

• Arrests:

- (i) Israeli troops positioned at the flying checkpoint set up at the western entrance to Husan village arrested Jihad Sami Abdul Hamid Hamamreh.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Khalil al Ja'fari in Ad Duheisha refugee camp in Bethlehem city.
- <u>Land Levelling</u>: At 16:20, the Israeli army levelled land cultivate with olive trees and grapevines near Efrat settlement. The land belonged to:
- (i) Naji Shihadeh Ghuneim;
- (ii) Khaled Subeih; and
- (iii) Fawwaz Subeih.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.

• 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.

HEBRON

(ii) Beginning on 05 January 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close and deny civilian access to the area located along the Green Line south of Yatta town for Wall construction. The Israeli army evacuated residents from the area.

• 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 all detour roads leading to Beit Ummar town

• Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Zif village and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Fawwar junction and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (iv) At 14:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Yatta and As Samoa' town and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (v) At 20:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Wadi Sa'ir road connecting Hebron and Bethlehem districts and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raids:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Hebron city.
- (ii) At 22:30, the Israeli army raided Idhna town and arrested a civilian.
- (iii) At 22:50, the Israeli army raided Beit Ummar town and searched a house.
- (iv) At 01:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Sa'ir town.
- Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mousa Mohammed Mousa al Masri in Idhna town.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: 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) During two aerial raids, Israeli combat aircraft fired missiles on Rafah district, killing an armed Palestinian individual and critically injuring another.
- (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired a mortar 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. Palestinian Attack: In the evening of 29 March 2011, an unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 02 March 2011, the Crossing has been effectively closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision. Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activities not reported.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing was open to allow civilians, patients, students, and civilians holding visas and residence cards abroad to depart the Gaza Strip. Access was also allowed to patients, who had received medical attentions at Egyptian hospitals. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing was partially open for transportation of food supplies, humanitarian aid, and cooking gas. Access was allowed 39 truckloads of animal feed, eight truckloads of cement designated to UNRWA projects, and six truckloads of construction iron allocated to projects implemented by the Palestinian Water Authority. A truckload of flowers was also exported through the Crossing. Air Attacks/Injury/Destruction of Property: At dawn on 30 March 2011, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired a missile on a smuggling tunnel on the Egyptian border south of Rafah city. At dawn on 30 March 2011, an Israeli UAV fired a missile on two armed Palestinian individuals while they were riding a motorcycle in An Nassr neighbourhood northeast of Rafah city. In addition to destroying the motorcycle, an armed individual was killed and the other sustained critical wounds. Killing: The Israeli air force killed Mohammed Khaled Omar in An Nassr neighbourhood northeast of Rafah city.