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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT
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SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	12	—	**12**	Incl. 1 elderly female civilian critically
Attacks	4	5	**9**	Incl. 1 in a raid & 5 from military posts
Raids	24	1	**25**	Incl. 8 in Ramallah & 5 in Bethlehem
Arrests	6	—	**6**	Incl. 1 Palestinian security officer
Detentions	13	—	**13**	At checkpoints & in residential areas
Land Levelling	—	1	**1**	Near the Green Line east of Gaza city
Destruction of Property	1	—	**1**	1 civilian vehicle destroyed in Nablus
Confiscation of Property	2	—	**2**	Incl. computers, cassettes, & books
Closure of Checkpoints	9	—	**9**	Incl. Tayasir & Al Hamra checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	**10**	Incl. 6 in Ramallah & 1 in Jericho
Closure (per District)	6	1	**7**	Incl. a buffer zone in Northern Gaza
Closure of Main Roads	28	—	**28**	Incl. Farsh al Hawa junction, Hebron
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	**All**	Incl. Barta'a Wall gate in Jenin
Closure of Crossing Points	—	7	**7**	Incl. Beit Hanun and Rafah partially
Construction of Mil. Post	1	—	**1**	1 water reservoir used as a mil. post
Provocation of Pal. Forces	1	1	**2**	Incl. 1 Pal. security vehicle searched
Palestinian Attacks	—	2	**2**	3 unidentified mortars fired
Demonstrations	2	—	**2**	In Bil'in & At Tuwani against the Wall
TOTAL	**119**	**18**	**137**	

DISTRICT	EVENT
ALL DISTRICTS	• Beginning on 11 March 2006, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip districts and to prevent civilians with permits, including workers, from crossing into areas inside the Green Line and into the city of Jerusalem. • Beginning on 17 April 2006, and following the suicide attack carried out in the city of Tel Aviv inside the Green Line, the Israeli army has intensified 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.

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem, set up several checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and impeded the access of civilians to Al Aqsa Mosque to perform Friday prayers. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army closed the entrance opposite the junction to Dahiyat Al Bareed in the city of Jerusalem with barbed wire and has denied civilian access. The Israeli army allows access to the city of Jerusalem through Dahiyat al Bareed checkpoint only to vehicles bearing Israeli-issued license plates and from the lane previously designated for VIPs. (ii) The Israeli army closed the eastern entrance to Dahiyat Bir Nabala with cement slabs, thereby completing the Wall section in the area. • **Checkpoint:** According to new measures implemented at Qalandiya checkpoint, which the Israeli army has converted into a "border crossing point", the Israeli army has designated a special crossing for civilians holding Jerusalem-issued IDs and those possessing permits to access the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army has allowed other civilians to access the main road leading to the junction to the village of Jaba', which branches off to other districts. • **Wall Gates:** (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-issued IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in Dahiyat al Aqbat, from the village of Hizma to 'Anata, along the Hizma-Jaba' road, the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, near Al Quds University, in the town of As Sawahira ash Sharqiya, from the village of Beit Surik to Biddu, in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina, and west of the village of Al Jib.

	• **Raids/Confiscation of Property:** (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Al 'Eizariya and arrested 2 civilians. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Sur Bahir as well as raided the offices of the Cultural Forum during the launching of a book fair entitled "Supporting Prophet Mohammed, peace be upon him". The Israeli army also confiscated computers, cassettes, and books from the book fair. • **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 unidentified civilians in the town of Al 'Eizariya.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	• **Closure of Main Road:** The Israeli army continues to close the eastern entrance to the village of Sinjil with dirt barricades. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the overpass to the town of 'Atara and to deny access to the city of Ramallah for civilians holding IDs issued in the northern districts of the West Bank. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the areas of Al Midya to Budrus, Al Midya to Ni'lin, Bil'in to Saffa, in the village of Beit Liqya, in the town of Beituniya, and west of the town of 'Abud and the village of Beit Sira. • **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 14:00, and again at 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit main road, searched civilians and vehicles, and opened fire towards 1 civilian vehicle, claiming that it did not stop at the checkpoint. The vehicle fled. (ii) At 21:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Deir Dibwan and searched civilians and vehicles. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints, one on the junction to the town of Abu Shukheidim and the other at the entrance to the village of Abu Qash, and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids/Construction of Military Post:** (i) At 14:20, and again at 22:45, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of El Bireh. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and patrolled the city of Ramallah. (iii) At 21:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma. The Israeli army also took position atop the village's water reservoir and used it as a military post. (iv) At 22:00, and again at 00:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and patrolled the area until 02:20. (v) At 22:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima and patrolled the area until 23:00. (vi) At 23:10, the Israeli army, including 7 jeeps, raided the city of Ramallah, searched 1 house, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.

	• **Demonstration:** A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians, during which the Israeli army injured 11 civilian protestors, including 1 child and 65-year-old Abeebeh Suleiman Husni, who was in critical condition. The Israeli army also injured 1 press photographer.
JENIN	• **Closure of Road:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the unpaved detour road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas, denying civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley, except for holders of IDs issued in the Northern Jordan Valley and commercial trucks. • **Wall Gates:** (i) Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits. (ii) The Israeli army closed the Wall gate to Barta'a ash Sharqiya and prevented civilians from transporting goods to the district of Jenin through the gate. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Arraba, searched civilian vehicles, and impeded civilian access. • **Raid:** At 02:30, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the town of Al Yamun and patrolled the area until 03:30.
TULKAREM	• **Closure:** The Israeli army continues to impose a complete closure on the district of Tulkarem and to declare it a closed military zone following a suicide attack carried out on the junction to the village of Far'un. The Israeli army continues to impede civilian access to and from the district. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following roads: the road connecting Dahiyat Dhinnaba in the city of Tulkarem to the town of Kafr al Labad; the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa; the southern entrance to the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya; and the Kafr Sur-Wadi at Tin road. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the road connecting the town of Beit Lid to the village of Kur. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus road, denying access to civilian vehicles. The Israeli army prevents civilian residents of the Tulkarem district from leaving the district, except for those residing in towns and villages east of the checkpoint. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Jubara checkpoint (the southern entrance to the city of Tulkarem) and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West

	Bank. Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint only allow civilian residents of villages located south of the city of Tulkarem in the Tulkarem district to cross on foot, only after examining civilians' places of residence. • **Wall Gates:** Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.
QALQILIYA	• **Wall Gates:** (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 metal detector. • **Wall Construction:** Land levelling for Wall construction was suspended for the weekend in the village of Immatin and east of the towns of Kafr Thulth and 'Azzun. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 22:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and searched civilians and vehicles. • **Raids:** (i) At 11:00, an Israeli army patrol raided the city of Qalqiliya and arrested 1 civilian. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Abdul Rahman Khadraj in the city of Qalqiliya.
NABLUS	• **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close the main road leading to the district of Jenin between the junction to the village of Deir Sharaf and the settlement of Shavei Shomron. Instead, the Israeli army has forced civilians to travel along an unpaved 1.5-km-long road, which branches off from the Nablus-Tulkarem road and intersects with the Nablus-Jenin road opposite the village of Sabastiya. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades Al Badhan road, which is the north-eastern entrance to the city of Nablus. (iii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to the village of Beita with dirt barricades. • **Checkpoints:** (i) The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing Huwwara, Beit Iba, At Tur Mountain, and Beit Furik checkpoints around the city of Nablus. The Israeli army closes the checkpoints overnight and reopens them at various morning hours. (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Beit Iba and Huwwara checkpoints and to deny access to civilians between 15 and 30 years of age as well as holders of IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem.

	(iii)	Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya continue to prevent civilians from crossing, only allowing access to civilian residents of the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya as well as the villages of Talluza, Sabastiya, Burqa, Beit Imrin, and Ijnisinya.
	• **Raids:**	
	(i)	At 08:50, the Israeli army, including armoured vehicles and bulldozers, raided the village of 'Einabus to investigate an explosion that took place in a house and the reasons for which were unknown. The explosion resulted in the destruction of the house and the killing of an 85-year-old female civilian.
	(ii)	At 00:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Rujeib and searched 1 house.
	(iii)	At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Nablus, searched 1 house, and used explosives to destroy 1 civilian vehicle belonging to Suheil Hanna, ostensibly for suspecting that an explosive belt was inside the vehicle. The Israeli army also arrested 2 civilians and withdrew at 05:45.
	• **Arrests:** The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the city of Nablus, including Raed Suheil Hanna.	
SALFIT	• **Closure of Main Roads:**	
	(i)	The Israeli army has continued to close the main north-western entrance to the city of Salfit with dirt barricades since the beginning of the current *Intifada* (Uprising).
	(ii)	The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the western entrances to the town of Bruqin and the village of Marda. The Israeli army also continues to close with cement blocks the western entrance to the town of Kafr ad Dik and with an iron gate the northern entrance to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan.
	• **Checkpoints:**	
	(i)	The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut checkpoint and to deny civilian access to the town of Kafr ad Dik.
	(ii)	The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the Za'tara junction checkpoint and to prevent civilians holding IDs issued in the districts of Jenin and Tulkarem from crossing towards the southern districts of the West Bank.
	• **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend near the Green Line in the town of Deir Ballut and the villages of Az Zawiya and Rafat, northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ari'el.	
	• **Flying Checkpoint:** At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Qarawat Bani Hassan on the Trans-Samaria Highway and searched civilians and vehicles.	
	• **Raid:** At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Kafr ad Dik. Confrontations took place between civilians and the Israeli army, while it was patrolling the area.	

JERICHO	• **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-issued 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-issued IDs. • **Checkpoint:** The Israeli army continues to close Al Hamra checkpoint set up on the Jericho-Nablus road, denying civilian access, except for farmers holding Jericho-issued IDs. • **Flying Checkpoint:** At 15:25, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of 'Ein ad Duyuk and searched civilians and vehicles.
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. The Israeli army considers the civilians' residence in the village illegal because they hold West Bank identity cards while their village is located within the Israeli-defined municipal boundaries of Jerusalem. • **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close all roads to Road # 60 leading to the city of Jerusalem, thereby isolating the city of Bethlehem from its towns and villages located west of Road # 60. • **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend north of 'Ayda refugee camp and in the Everest area, northwest of the city of Beit Jala. • **Raids/Confiscation of Property:** (i) At 18:50, the Israeli army raided 'Ayda refugee camp, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army also searched as well as confiscated registration documents of 1 Palestinian security vehicle. At 19:50, the Israeli army withdrew from the area. (ii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Bethlehem and the town of Al 'Ubeidiya. (iii) At 00:20, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the city of Bethlehem and the town of Al Khadr and patrolled the area until 01:10. • **Arrest:** The Israeli army arrested Mustafa 'Aql Dar al Hajj, a Palestinian National Security officer, in 'Ayda refugee camp.
HEBRON	• **Closure:** 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. • **Closure of Main Roads:** (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the following locales: the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; the area of Al Fahs south of the city of Hebron; the junction to the area of Farsh

	al Hawa leading to Road # 35 northwest of the city of Hebron; the entrance to the village of Beit 'Einun; Al Baq'a junction south of the town of Beit 'Awwa; and the entrance to the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the entrance to Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron with cement blocks.
	• **Wall Construction:** Wall construction was suspended for the weekend west of the towns of Surif and Beit Ula, south of the towns of Adh Dhahiriya and As Samoa', and southeast of the town of Yatta. The Israeli army has also completed construction of most sections of the Wall in the town of Idhna, from the village of Deir Samit to the town of Beit 'Awwa, from Beit 'Awwa to the village of Al Burj, and in the village of Ar Ramadin.
	• **Raids:**
	(i) At 14:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Hebron.
	(ii) At 23:45, the Israeli army, including 6 jeeps, raided Al Fawwar refugee camp. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians.
	• **Demonstration:** A mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of At Tuwani south of the town of Yatta in protest against Wall construction.

GAZA STRIP

ALL DISTRICTS	• Beginning on 16 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a complete closure on the Gaza Strip ostensibly due to Palestinian individuals' firing of mortars towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	• **Closure:** Beginning at 18:00 on 28 December 2005, the Israeli army has continued to impose a buffer zone (through open fire as well as artillery and air attacks) in the area near the Green Line, including the area of the debris of evacuated settlements.
	• **Closure of Crossing Point:** Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open to foreign nationals, VIPs, and humanitarian cases after prior coordination.
	• **Provocation of Palestinian Forces:** At 12:35, the Israeli army launched an aerostat equipped with a surveillance camera over the area opposite a Palestinian National Security location northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. At 16:30, the aerostat was removed.
	• **Palestinian Attack:** At 00:45, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	• **Closure of Crossing Points:**
	(i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
	(ii) Nahal 'Oz Crossing is closed.
	• **Attacks:**
	(i) At 04:50, the Israeli army opened fire and fired 1 flare from Point 105 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory southeast of Gaza city.

	(ii) At 04:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 88 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory southeast of Gaza city. • **Raid/Land Levelling:** At 10:25, the Israeli army, including 2 armoured vehicles and 3 bulldozers, raided Palestinian territory near Points 70 and 80 on the Green Line east of Gaza city and levelled land. • **Palestinian Attack:** At 21:50, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line, of which 1 exploded in the area from which it was launched.
CENTRAL GAZA	• **Attacks:** (i) At 16:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 120 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp. (ii) At 04:50, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 115 and 120 on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory east of Al Bureij refugee camp.
KHAN YUNIS	• Activities not reported.
RAFAH	• **Closure of Crossing Points:** (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah Crossing is partially open in both directions to passengers holding Palestinian IDs, humanitarian cases, as well as Arab and foreign diplomatic missions. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.

GENERAL

WORK PERMITS	• **West Bank:** The Israeli authorities issued new work permits to Palestinian workers for crossing the Green Line; however, the number of issued permits is unknown because the Israeli authorities have suspended contacts with the Palestinian employment offices. Additionally, the number of permit-holding workers who were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line is unknown. • **Gaza Strip:** Valid work permits that have been issued by the Israeli authorities for crossing the Green Line total 11. All the Palestinian workers possessing the valid work permits (11) were allowed to access areas inside the Green Line.