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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT 08:00 19 March 2010 – 08:00 20 March 2010

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	24	16	40	Incl. 2 international peace activists
Air Attacks	_	4	4	Missiles fired by F16 combat aircraft
Attacks	13	2	15	Incl. artillery shells fired
Raids	12	_	12	Incl. 2 in Salfit and 3 in Hebron
Air Patrols	_	1	1	By F16 combat aircraft over Rafah
Arrests (per person)	10	_	10	Incl. 4 in Jerusalem and 4 in Hebron
Detentions	12	_	12	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Wall Construction	22	_	22	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
Destruction of Property	2	_	2	Incl. olive trees uprooted in Qalqiliya
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	16	_	16	Incl. 5 in Jerusalem and 3 in Qalqiliya
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Nu'man and Mazmuriya villages
Closure of Main Roads	40	_	40	Incl. 4 in Bethlehem and 14 in Hebron
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Only Beit Hanun (Erez) partially open
Settler Violence	4	_	4	Incl. forest trees set on fire in Hebron
Palestinian Attack	_	1	1	1 mortar fired towards the Green Line
Demonstrations	13	_	13	Incl. against Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue
TOTAL	186	30	216	

DISTRICT EVENTS

WEST BANK

• Closure:

- (i) On 19 March 2010, the Israeli army intensified its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem and set up flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Having detained their ID cards at gates, the Israeli army only allowed access to civilians above 50 years of age who hold Israeli-issued ID cards to perform afternoon prayers at the Mosque. As a result, civilians were forced to perform Friday prayers on streets and near checkpoints set up at entrances to the city.
- (i) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of and denial of civilian access to the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding the city of Jerusalem. Accordingly, local residents and civilians holding permits can access this area through crossings and gates set up at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. (The demarcation area is defined by a set of military orders relating to land confiscation for Wall construction).
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill located in an area between the village of Biddu and Beit Iksa due to its geographical significance as it overlooks the city of Jerusalem.

• Closure of Main Roads:

(i) The Israeli army

- (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.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: 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.
- Raid: At 04:40, the Israeli army raided Qalandiya refugee camp, searched 2 houses, and arrested 1 child.

• Demonstrations/Attack/Injuries:

- (i) At 12:50, a mass demonstration took place near Qalandiya checkpoint north of the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 7 civilians, including 3 children. Of the children wounded, Bara' Mohammed al Qadhi, 17 years old, was in a critical health condition.
- (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including female civilians, took place in the old city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound.

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- (iii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including female civilians, took place in Shu'fat refugee camp in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian.
- (iv) At 16:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the Ash Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood in the city of Jerusalem in protest against Israeli settlers' seizure of civilian houses.

Arrests:

- (i) The Israeli army arrested Mu'tassem Raed Younes Mizher, 17 years old, in Qalandiya refugee camp.
- (ii) The Israeli army arrested Amjad Gharouf in Shu'fat refugee camp.

• 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 IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area of Al 'Eizariya to Ash Shayyah, from Beit Surik village to Biddu; in the areas of Al Judeira, Bir Nabala, and Beit Hanina; west of the village of Al Jib; in the vicinity of the village of Qatanna; south of the village of Beit Hanina; and in the area surrounding the checkpoint set up at the entrance to Shu'fat refugee camp.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades and cement blocks the entrances to the town of Sinjil, the village of Saffa; and the junction to the villages of Kafr Malik 'Ein Samiya.
- (ii) On 15 March 2010, the Israeli army issued a military order, providing that the area located between civilian houses and the Wall in the town of Ni'lin and the village of Bil'in would be a closed military zone between 08:00 and 20:00 on Fridays for a period of 6 months. To prevent weekly demonstrations against Wall construction, civilian access to the area will be denied except with a special permit.
- **Flying Checkpoint:** At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the junction to the village of Beitillu and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Settler Violence:

- (i) At 12:30, a group of armed Israeli settlers gained access to civilian land in the town of 'Atara.
- (ii) At 12:55, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement of Halamish threw stones at civilian vehicles travelling along the road near the settlement.

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• Demonstrations:

- (i) At 12:45, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Budrus in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 5 participants. A number of civilians also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (i) At 12:45, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the village of Bil'in against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (ii) At 12:50, a mass demonstration took place in the villages of Deir Nidham and An Nabi Salih against settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of the settlement of Halamish. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians and 1 Palestinian National Security officer. The Israeli army also wounded an American peace activist. A number of protestors also sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation. Additionally, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of An Nabi Salih.
- (iii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in the town of Ni'lin against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured a number of participants sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration took place in the town of Beituniya in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protesters near the settler bypass road near the town.
- (iii) At 11:20, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Al Mughayyir in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the village of An Nabi Salih:
- (i) Abdul Jawwad Taher at Tamimi;
- (ii) Amjad Saleh at Tamimi; and
- (iii) Kheirallah Mahmoud Hasan Saleh at Tamimi.
- <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues west of the town of 'Abud; in the village of Bil'in; and in the areas of Al Midya to Ni'lin and Ni'lin to Deir Qaddis.

JENIN	 Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of the settlement of Dotan. Raid: At 16:15, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Ya'bad. Arrest: At 18:00, Israeli troops arrested Mohammed Ahmed ash Shobaki, a resident of the village of Al Far'a in the district of Tubas, while he was reporting to the Israeli Intelligence agency for a magnetic card at Salem Military Camp. 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	 <u>Checkpoint</u>: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the town of Tubas. <u>Raid</u>: At 06:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Bardala, set up a checkpoint, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area.
TULKAREM	 Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa as well as the road connecting the villages of Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. At 18:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access, and reopened it at 19:20. Raid: At 20:45, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Zeita. 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 13:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Jit and searched civilians and vehicles. At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of 'Azzun and searched civilians and vehicles. At 21:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the village of Immatin and searched civilians and vehicles. Raid: At 23:20, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of 'Azzun. Settler Violence: At 16:20, a group of Israeli settlers from the settlement outpost of Gilead uprooted a number of olive trees south of the village of Jit. Consequently, the Israeli army evacuated settlers from the area. Wall Gate: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a detector. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues south of the town of Jayyus as well as near the settlement of Alfei Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.

Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit (i) Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the southern entrance to the village of Duma; and the northern entrance to the town of Qabalan. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the western entrance to An Nagura village opposite Shavei Shomron settlement. The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the southern (iii) entrance to the village of Qaryut and the road connecting the town of 'Agraba to the village of Osarin. 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 **NABLUS** 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. **Flying Checkpoints:** (i) At 11:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beita and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the city of Nablus and the town of 'Asira ash Shamaliya and searched civilians and vehicles until 13:20. Raid: At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Yanun, searched 1 house, and withdrew at 21:40. **Closure of Main Roads:** The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern (i) entrance to the city of Salfit. The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates (ii) the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik. Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint. **SALFIT** Flying Checkpoint: At 08:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Kifl Haris and the village of Haris and searched civilians and vehicles. Raids: At 12:00, and again at 15:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Kifl Haris. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the city of Salfit, and in the village of Marda and the town of Kifl Haris north of the settlement of Ariel.

JERICHO	 Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. At 10:00, the Israeli army installed an iron gate on the road. Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus. However, the Israeli army allows civilian access between 06:00 and 22:00. The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al-Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah, only allowing access to civilians whose IDs indicate that their place of residence of the district of Jericho as well as to others holding access permits. Raid: At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Al 'Auja, searched a number of barracks, and combed agricultural land around the village.
BETHLEHEM	 Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village. (ii) According to Military Order # 07/02/S, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 dunums (5.436 acres) of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order # 07/31/T. Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of the town of Beit Fajjar; and an agricultural road connecting the town of Tuqu' to the village of Khirbet al Baq'a. Demonstration/Attack/Injury: At 12:00, a mass demonstration took place in the village of Al Ma'sara in protest against Wall destruction, settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Having obstructed the demonstration, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated metal bullets and tear gas grenades towards participants, injuring an international peace activist. Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of the town of Al Khadr; northwest of the city of Beit Jala; in the area of Wadi Rahhal east of Efrat settlement; and in the area surrounding Al Walaja.
HEBRON	• Closure: (i) The Israeli army continues to close the following locales in the old city of Hebron: Ash Shuhada' Street and the area of As Sahleh with cement blocks and barbed wire; the old gold market with an iron gate; the area of Khuzq al Far near the settlement of Abraham Avino with a dirt

barricade and an iron gate; and the entrance to the area of Al Khan with an electronic gate, isolating the area from Al Laban Market and the area of As Sahleh. In addition to closing the entrance to Al Laban Market with iron plates, the Israeli army continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, controlling civilian access in the area.

(ii) Having evacuated civilian residents and denied civilian access, the Israeli army continues to close the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta.

• Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the road connecting the town of Surif to the village of Al Jab'a; the eastern entrance to the village of Kharsa; the entrance to the Al Qeisi neighbourhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp, the area of Al Hawawir, the village of At Tuwani, and the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street in the old city of Hebron.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to Road # 60.

• Flying Checkpoints/Attack:

- (i) At 10:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of Kharsa, searched civilians and vehicles, and fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards young civilians, allegedly for throwing stones.
- (iii) At 18:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the town of Beit 'Einun and searched civilians and vehicles.
- Attack: At 17:00, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas grenades towards civilians, ostensibly for throwing stones, along Ash Shalala Street in the old city of Hebron.

• Raids/Detention:

- (i) At 12:05, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Beit Ummar.
- (ii) At 19:00, the Israeli army raided Al Fawwar refugee camp, detained a child, and released him at 21:10 after coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO).
- (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit 'Awwa and arrested 4 civilians, including 2 brothers, while they were working on their land near the Wall.
- Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 in the town of Beit 'Awwa:
- (i) Isma'il Mohammed Suleiman as Suweiti;
- (ii) Suleiman Zeidan as Suweiti;
- (iii) Mansour Feissal Abdul Qader as Suweiti; and
- (iv) Fawwar Feissal Abdul Qader as Suweiti.

• <u>Settler Violence</u>: At 21:30, a group of Israeli settlers set fire to forest trees near the village of Khirbet Safa. Consequently, the Israeli army extinguished the fire and evacuated settlers from the area.

• Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries:

- (i) At 09:00, a mass demonstration took place in Al 'Arrub refugee camp in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors.
- (ii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the old city of Hebron in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured 5 civilians, including an infant. A foreign female journalist also sustained wounds a result of tear gas inhalation.
- (iii) At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including school students, took place in the town of Beit Ummar in protest against Israeli settlement enterprises, attacks on Islamic religious sites, and inauguration of the Hurva (Ruins) Synagogue near Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army wounded 6 civilians. Also, 20 other civilians sustained injuries as a result of tear gas inhalation.
- Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area surrounding the settlement of Eshkolot near the town of Adh Dhahiriya; and in the area between the villages of 'Arab ar Ramadin and Imneizil.

GAZA STRIP

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. Despite the fact that the extension period expired, the ceasefire continues to hold pending negotiations carried out by Egypt.

• Violations of the Ceasefire:

- (i) The Israeli army opened intensive fire and fired artillery shells from its location on the Green Line towards civilian houses and property in the districts of Northern Gaza and Central Gaza. Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 4 missiles on the district of Rafah. Israeli attacks resulted in the critical injury of 3 civilians.
- (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 1 mortar towards the Green Line.

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Point: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is partially open for previously-coordinated humanitarian cases and foreign nationals. Attack: In the evening of 19 March 2010, the Israeli army fired a number of artillery shells from its location inside the Green Line towards vacant land east of the town of Jabalya. Palestinian Attack: At noon on 19 March 2010, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
GAZA	 Closure of Crossing Points: Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed. 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	• Attack/Injury: In the evening of 19 March 2010, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of civilians southeast of Al Maghazi refugee camp, injuring 1 civilian.
KHAN YUNIS	Activities not reported.
RAFAH	 Closure of Crossing Points: Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed. Sufa Crossing is closed. Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed. Air Attack: At 22:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired 4 missiles (over 4 consecutive air raids) on previously-destroyed buildings at Yasser Arafat International Airport as well as towards surrounding areas east of the city of Rafah, injuring 15 civilians, including 3 who were in a critical health condition.

GENERAL

POLITICAL PRISONERS	• <u>Sentence</u> : The military court at Salem Military Detention and Interrogation Centre sentenced 'Ammar Saleh Mohammed Abu Ghalyoun, a resident of Jenin refugee camp, to 14 years in prison.
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