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PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 11 March 2009 – 08:00 12 March 2009

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	A child in Abu Mash'al village, Ramallah
Physical Assault	1	—	1	A civilian severely beaten in Bethlehem
Injuries	1	1	2	Child and farmer in Ramallah & C. Gaza
Air Attacks	—	5	5	Missiles fired F16 aircraft on Rafah
Attacks	5	8	13	Incl. 4 from posts & 4 from navy boats
Raids	41	—	41	Incl. 6 in Jenin and 10 in Hebron
Air Patrols	1	3	4	Incl. troops dispatched by helicopters
Arrests (per person)	24	—	24	Incl. 6 children and 1 Pal. security officer
Detentions	14	—	14	At checkpoints and in residential areas
Wall Construction	25	—	25	Incl. Jer., Raml'h., Salfit, & Qalqiliya
House Occupations	3	—	3	Converted into military posts, Hebron
Curfews	2	—	2	Over 2 locales in Jenin and Hebron
Closure of Checkpoints	15	—	15	Incl. 1 checkpoint closed temporarily
Flying Checkpoints	22	—	22	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 11 in Hebron
Closure (per District)	8	—	8	Incl. over the city of Jerusalem
Closure of Main Roads	50	—	50	Incl. 5 in Ramallah and 13 Qalqiliya
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	3	4 crossing points partially open
Settler Violence	1	—	1	A house attacked in the old city of Hebron
Palestinian Attacks	—	3	3	4 mortars fired towards the Green Line
Demonstration	1	—	1	In solidarity with prisoners in Nablus
TOTAL	215	23	238	

DISTRICT	EVENTS
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WEST BANK

ALL DISTRICTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints set up on the main roads connecting the West Bank districts, thereby isolating the northern districts from the southern districts as well as the Jericho district and the Jordan Valley from the remainder of the West Bank. • Beginning at 24:00 on 08 March 2009, the Israeli army continued to impose a complete closure on the West Bank districts on the occasion of the Jewish holiday of Purim. Only allowing access to previously-coordinated humanitarian cases, the Israeli army also prevented civilians, including workers, from accessing the city of Jerusalem and areas inside the Green Line. The closure was lifted at 24:00 on 11 March 2009.
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JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to the city of Jerusalem. The Israeli army also continues to close the entrances to Al Aqsa Mosque compound in the old city of Jerusalem and impede civilian access to the mosque. (ii) 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). • Closure of Main Roads: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'. (ii) Beginning on 16 February 2009, the Israeli army has continued to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bared 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. • Raid: At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Abu Dis, set up a checkpoint near the Al Quds University, and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also served a summons to Nasser al Afandi to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • Wall Gates: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the Wall gate in the town of Abu Dis with cement blocks.
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	<p>(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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>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 road connecting the villages of Ras Karkar and Kharbatha Bani Harith; the entrances to the villages of Sinjil, Saffa, and 'Ein Yabrud; 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. At 23:30, the Israeli army closed the checkpoint, denied civilian access in both directions, and reopened it at a later time. • Attack/Injury: At 19:15, Israeli troops onboard a military patrol travelling near the junction to the village of Deir Abu Mash'al opened fire towards a number of children, allegedly for throwing stones. Israeli troops killed 1 child and injured 17-year-old Salem 'Uthman Zahran. The injured was transported to an Israeli hospital for medical treatment. • Killing: The Israeli army killed Fayez Fares 'Ata, 16 years old, in the village of Deir Abu Mash'al. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Birzeit. (ii) At 22:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Turmus'ayya and arrested 1 civilian. (iii) At 01:20, the Israeli army raided the city of El Bireh and Al Am'ari refugee camp and searched 1 building as well as a number of houses. The Israeli army also arrested 1 civilian in Al Am'ari refugee camp. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Omar Hmeidat in the town of Turmus'ayya. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Khalil Ali Idris in Al Am'ari refugee camp in the city of El Bireh. • 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>JENIN</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Haddad tourist village east of the city of Jenin and searched civilians and vehicles until 11:30. (ii) At 17:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between the town of Meithalun and the village of Sanur and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Curfew:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:00, the Israeli army raided the area between the town of Al Yamun and the village of Al Hashimiya, erected a tent, and withdrew at 11:00. (ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Zububa and patrolled the area until 11:50. (iii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Siris. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iv) At 20:15, the Israeli army raided the village of ‘Anin, erected a tent near the area of Al Hawuz, and patrolled the area until 06:00. (v) At 23:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya’bad, imposed curfew, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 04:20. (vi) At 01:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Al Yamun. • <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.
TUBAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to close Tayasir checkpoint in the eastern Tubas district, 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>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 15:40, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the city of Tubas and searched civilians and vehicles. • <u>Raids/Air Patrol:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 15:40, the Israeli army raided the village of Al Far’a. While patrolling the area, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. At 18:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village again. (ii) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the town of ‘Aqqaba, set up a checkpoint at its entrance, searched civilians and vehicles, and patrolled the area. (iii) At 23:05, Israeli troops dispatched by combat helicopters raided and combed the area between the town of ‘Aqqaba and the village of Al Kufeir.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Israeli army continues to declare the district of Tulkarm a closed military zone and to impede civilian access to and from the district.

	<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 Shufa. (ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting the town of Kafr al Labad to the village of Shufa. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at 'Einav checkpoint set up on Tulkarem-Nablus main road. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem and Tulkarem refugee camp. While searching a mechanic's workshop, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (ii) At 21:20, the Israeli army raided the city of Tulkarem, searched a house and an Internet cafe, and served a summons to a civilian to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. (iii) At 23:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Lid and served summons to 9 civilians to report to the Israeli Intelligence agency. • <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 agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun. • <u>Checkpoint:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up at the eastern entrance to the city of Qalqiliya and to impede civilian access. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Hajja, closed the road connecting it to the village of Kafr Qaddum, patrolled the area, and withdrew at 12:00. (ii) At 23:05, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'atta, searched 5 houses, and withdrew at 00:20. (iii) At 02:45, the Israeli army raided the village of Arab ar Ramadin, searched 1 house, and arrested 1 civilian. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Ahmed Suleiman Ramadin in the village of Arab ar Ramadin. • <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 metal detector. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Having completed the Wall-related infrastructure, land levelling 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.

	<p>(iii) Land levelling continues for adjustment of the Wall route near the settlement of Alfe Menashe in the villages of Ras Tira, Magharet ad Dab'a, and Wadi ar Rasha south of the city of Qalqiliya.</p>
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of Main Roads: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the roads of Sarra-Jit; Til-Burin; Beit Furik-Salem; the road between the town of 'Aqraba and the main road; and the eastern entrance to the village of Al Lubban Ash Sharqiya. The Israeli army also continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Til 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; and the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh. (ii) The Israeli army continues to restrict civilian daily passage along the Jenin-Nablus road between the junction to Deir Sharaf village and the settlement of Shavei Shomron between 06:00 and 21:00. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At Tur neighborhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighborhood only. (ii) Beit Furik checkpoint is open to civilian residents of the town of Beit Furik and the nearby village of Beit Dajan. (iii) Beginning on 14 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed Palestinians holding Israeli-issued IDs to access the city of Nablus by their private vehicles through all checkpoints around the city. To prevent traffic jams, the Israeli army allows vehicles to leave the city through Beit Furik and Beit Iba checkpoints. In addition, the Israeli army has allowed free access to all physicians, who are residents of the city of Nablus. (iv) Beginning on 15 February 2009, the Israeli army has allowed free access by private vehicles to all civilian residents of the city of Nablus, who are above 50 years of age and in company with their families, through checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus. • Flying Checkpoint: At 16:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the villages of Salem and Deir al Hatab and searched civilians and vehicles. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Sabastiya and searched an office belonging to the Palestinian National Liberation Movement (Fatah). (ii) At 15:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of An Nassariya.

	<p>(iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the city of Nablus.</p> <p>(iv) At 01:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Til, searched a number of houses, and arrested 7 civilians, including 1 child.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> <p>(i) At 18:00, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the settlement of Shavei Shomron on the Nablus-Jenin main road arrested Mahmoud Talal Ahmed Zeidan, a Palestinian National Security officer.</p> <p>(ii) At 22:30, Israeli troops positioned at Huwwara checkpoint arrested Ahmed Waleed Tawfiq, a university student.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 7 civilians in the village of Til:</p> <p>(iii) Ahmed Ibrahim Abdul 'Aziz Yamin, 17 years old;</p> <p>(iv) Yasser Mohammed Ali Ramadhan;</p> <p>(v) Ahmed Saqr 'Assidah;</p> <p>(vi) Nimer Khaled Hindi;</p> <p>(vii) 'Uday Ashraf Mohammed Ramadhan;</p> <p>(viii) Wael Mohammed Hindi; and</p> <p>(ix) Fakhri Mohammed Hindi.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 11:00, political prisoners' families held a sit-in demonstration in front of offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in the city of Nablus in solidarity with their relative prisoners as well as demanding that they be released from Israeli prisons.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Main Roads:</u> <p>(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.</p> <p>(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and iron gates the northern entrance to the town of Bruqin and the western entrance to the town of Kafr Ad Dik.</p> • <u>Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Deir Ballut and Za'tara checkpoints and prevent civilian vehicles from heading towards the village of Kafr Ad Dik. • <u>Raids:</u> <p>(i) At 11:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Bruqin and patrolled the area until 11:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 01:10, the Israeli army raided the village of Haris and arrested 6 civilians, including 5 children.</p> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians in the village of Haris: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Nader Wadi' Ayyoub Kleib, 15 years old; (ii) Sameh Sameer Sultan, 15 years old; (iii) Hasan Saleh Kleib, 16 years old; (iv) Rabi' Talal Dawoud, 14 years old; (v) Sufian Waleed Dawoud, 16 years old; and (vi) Talal Husni Dawoud. • <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.

<p style="text-align: center;">JERICHO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90 between the city of Jericho and the village of Al 'Auja with cement blocks and to prevent farmers not holding Jericho Governorate IDs from reaching their land, forcing them to apply for access permits. The Israeli army also continues to deny access to the city to holders of Israeli IDs. • Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions and impede civilian access at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting the districts of Jericho and Nablus as well as on the checkpoint set up on the junction to the village of Al 'Auja along Al Mu'arrajat road that connects the districts of Jericho and Ramallah.
<p style="text-align: center;">BETHLEHEM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'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 <i>dunums</i> (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: In addition to 2 side roads east and south of the village of Al Walaja, the Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the roads of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; Talita-Nazlet as Sidr in the city of Beit Jala; Al Khadr -Road # 60; Al Khadr -Beit Jala Housing Project; Wadi Rahal-Efrat; and the side road east of the town of Beit Fajjar. • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the area of An Nashash (the southern entrance to the city of Bethlehem) and searched civilians and vehicles until 10:15. (ii) At 14:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the DCO offices at the north-western entrance to the city of Beit Jala and searched civilians and vehicles. • Physical Assault: At 07:05 on 11 March 2009, Israeli troops positioned at the checkpoint set up near the junction to the settlement of Kfar 'Etzion severely beat Khaled 'Atiyyeh 'Ubayyat. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Dar Salah, set up a checkpoint, and searched civilians and vehicles. (ii) At 21:55, the Israeli army raided the village of Nahhalin. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and civilians. (iii) At 03:15, the Israeli army raided the city of Bethlehem and patrolled the area until 04:00. • 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 Ifrat settlement; and in the area surrounding the village of 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. The Israeli army also continues to install an iron gate at the entrance to the area of Al Hisba (the fruits and vegetables market) in the old city of Hebron, thereby controlling civilian access in the area.
 - (ii) The Israeli army continues to prevent civilian vehicles from travelling along the road connecting the settlement of Kiryat Arba' to the Ibrahimi Mosque in the old city of Hebron.
 - (iii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli army issued Military Order # 09/06/S for closure of the area located along the Green Line south of the town of Yatta, evacuation of civilian residents, and prevention of civilian access to the area. According to Military Orders # 05/03/T and 05/04/T, land in this area was confiscated for Wall construction.
- **Closure of Main Roads:**
 - (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the entrance to the town of As Samoa'; the area of Al Hawawir leading to the town of Halhul; 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 Al Qeisi neighborhood in the old city of Hebron; as well as the entrances to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and the village of At Tuwani.
 - (ii) In accordance with Military Order # 378, the Israeli army continues to prohibit Palestinian vehicles from travelling along Ash Shalala Old Street that leads to the old city of Hebron, only allowing Israeli vehicles as well as Israeli army vehicles to travel along this street.
 - (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road between the villages of Al Karmil and At Tuwani and all roads leading to bypass Road # 60.
 - (iv) The Israeli army continues to open the iron gate on the junction of 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.
 - (v) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the southern entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya.
- **Flying Checkpoints:**
 - (i) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Adh Dhahiriya and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (ii) At 08:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to the village of As Sarra and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iii) At 08:40, and again at 18:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Idhna and searched civilians and vehicles.
 - (iv) At 08:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al 'Arrub refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles.

	<p>(v) At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint along Road # 60 and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(vi) At 16:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the overpass to the town of Hahul and searched civilians and vehicles.</p> <p>(vii) At 23:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Al Fawwar refugee camp and searched civilians and vehicles. The Israeli army also closed the iron gate at the entrance to the refugee camp, denied civilian access, and reopened it at a later time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Raids/Curfew/House Occupations:</u> <p>(i) Beginning at 02:00 on 11 March 2009, the Israeli army remained positioned in the town of Beit Ummar and continued to impose curfew and to close all entrances to the town with flying checkpoints. The Israeli army also occupied and converted into military posts roofs of a number of houses. In addition, the Israeli army searched several houses, arrested 3 civilians, and withdrew at 23:30.</p> <p>(ii) At 14:50, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Dura.</p> <p>(iii) At 14:55, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the village of Kharsa.</p> <p>(iv) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the city of Hebron, raided a commercial shop, and arrested 1 civilian. At 22:30, the Israeli army raided the city again and patrolled the area.</p> <p>(v) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Idhna and arrested 2 civilians.</p> <p>(vi) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of As Samoa'.</p> <p>(vii) At 01:30, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the towns of Sa'ir and Ash Shuyukh.</p> <p>(viii) At 01:35, the Israeli army raided and patrolled the town of Halhul.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Arrests:</u> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Beit Ummar: <p>(i) Mohammed Hasan Khalil Abu 'Ayyash;</p> <p>(ii) Muntasser Thiyab Sa'id 'Awadh; and</p> <p>(iii) Abdul 'Aziz Thiyab Sa'id 'Awadh.</p> <p>(iv) The Israeli army arrested 'Adel Dweik in the city of Hebron.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians in the town of Idhna:</p> <p>(v) Isma'il Abdul Hamid Abu Zaltah; and</p> <p>(vi) Khaled Ahmed Mohammed al Massri.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> At 17:00, a group of Israeli settlers attacked a house belonging to Nidhal al 'Uweiwi in the old city of Hebron. • <u>Wall Construction:</u> Wall construction continues in the section of Tarqumiya checkpoint terminal; in the area between the settlement of Eshkolot and the village of Imneizil southeast of the town of Yatta; and in the village of 'Arab ar Ramadin.
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GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;">ALL DISTRICTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • <u>Violations of the Ceasefire:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards Palestinian territory, injuring a farmer. Israeli navy boats also opened fire and combat aircraft fired missiles towards civilians and property. (ii) Armed Palestinian individuals fired 4 mortars towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">NORTHERN GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Point:</u> Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing is closed. • <u>Attack:</u> In the morning of 12 March 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the As Sudaniya beach northwest of the town of Beit Lahiya. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> In the evening of 11 March 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
<p style="text-align: center;">GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is partially open for transportation of wheat and animal feed. (ii) Ash Shuja'iyah (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is partially open for transportation of fuel.
<p style="text-align: center;">CENTRAL GAZA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks/Injury:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the evening of 11 March 2009, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards a number of farmers while they were working on their land east of the city of Deir al Balah, injuring Khamis al Loh, a farmer. (ii) In the morning of 12 March 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards Palestinian fishing boats at sea opposite the beach of the city of Deir al Balah.
<p style="text-align: center;">KHAN YUNIS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 11 March 2009, Israeli navy boats opened intensive fire towards the beach of the city of Khan Yunis. (ii) In the evening of 11 March 2009, the Israeli army opened fire from its location on the Green Line towards agricultural land and civilian houses east of the areas of Al Farahin and Al 'Umur.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 12:20, Israeli combat helicopters patrolled the skies over the eastern quarters of the district of Khan Yunis. • <u>Palestinian Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) In the morning of 11 March 2009, 2 unidentified mortars were fired towards the Green Line. (ii) In the evening of 11 March 2009, 1 unidentified mortar was fired towards the Green Line.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure of Crossing Points:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed. (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is open on an exceptional basis to allow access to international peace activists. (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed. (iv) Karm Abu Salim (Karem Shalom) Crossing is partially open for transportation of food supplies and humanitarian aid. • <u>Air Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles in 3 consecutive air raids towards alleged smuggling tunnels along the Egyptian border south of the city of Rafah. (ii) At dawn on 12 March 2009, Israeli F16 combat aircraft fired missiles in 2 consecutive air raids towards alleged smuggling tunnels along the Egyptian border south of the city of Rafah. • <u>Attacks:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) On 11 March 2009, Israeli navy boat opened intensive fire towards the city of Rafah's beach. (ii) On 11 March 2009, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from its location on the Green Line towards the eastern outskirts of the town of Ash Shuka.