

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 16 December 2003 – 08:00 17 December 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	10	—	10	Incl. 70 year-old, 2 boys
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	
Attacks	6	4	10	
Raids	17	2	19	
Air Patrol	1	—	1	
Arrests (per person)	11	—	11	
Detention	1	—	1	
Land Confiscation	1	—	1	2100 <i>dunums</i> in Beit Liqya
Land Leveling	1	—	1	10 <i>dunums</i> in Hebron
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	
House Occupation	1	—	1	
Curfews	3	—	3	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	2	—	2	
Closures (per District)	3	—	3	Incl. 1 area
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	Most	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	All	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	2	1 Partially open to workers
TOTAL	61	8	69	

DISTRICT	EVENT
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WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. • Separation Wall Construction: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, Al Tur and Al Shayyah. (ii) Israeli authorities halted construction of the separation wall in the Al Adyirah area (near Deir Faji) following the discovery of archeological remains. (iii) Israeli authorities have completed construction of 1 section of the separation wall in Al 'Eizariya neighborhood. • House Closure: Israeli authorities sealed the 1st floor entrance of a building in the Wadi al Joz neighborhood, preventing access to residents and family.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army closed the iron gate near An Nabi Salih village, isolating the northern and northwestern villages from the city of Ramallah. • Land Confiscation: The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Liqya and posted orders announcing the confiscation of 2100 <i>dunums</i> (525 acres) of land for construction of the separation wall. • House Occupation: The Israeli army occupied a building, still under construction, in El Bireh city for surveillance purposes. • Flying Checkpoints: At 11:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the two towns of Deir Ghassana and Kafr 'Ein, where they searched vehicles and examined passenger ID's. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided Kafr Ni'ma. 2 civilian houses were searched, 2 civilians were arrested and their possessions, including IDs and cell phones, were confiscated. This event provoked a confrontation with Palestinian civilians, in which Israeli soldiers used live and rubber-coated steel bullets and tear gas, injuring 3 civilians. (ii) At 08:15, the Israeli army, including 2 APCs and 1 jeep, raided the villages of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana, and searched 1 civilian house. Open fire was used. (iii) At 10:00 and again at 19:45, the Israeli army, including 2 APCs, raided the village of Beit Rima.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) At 10:15, the Israeli army, including 1 APC and 1 jeep, raided the villages of Beit Rima and Kafr 'Ein. (v) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the villages of Beit Rima, Deir Ghassana and Kafr 'Ein. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from the village of Kafr Ni'ma: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Hikmat Adnan Ibrahim, 31 years old; and (ii) Islam Dar Khalifah, 23 years old.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. This Israeli closure continues to harm the education process since teachers, amongst others, are not granted access through the gates particularly in areas located behind the separation wall.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The southern entrance remains partially open to pedestrians only. (ii) The Al Khadr road (east) and the DCO road (north) remain closed. (iii) The southern entrance of the city (Al Nashash) was closed, cutting off Bethlehem from the Hebron district.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Al Kafriyat gate remains closed, closing off Tulkarem from Qalqilya. • Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. This Israeli closure continues to harm the education process since teachers, amongst others, are not granted access through the gates particularly in areas located behind the separation wall. • Raid: Between 18:30 and 05:00, the Israeli army, including patrol jeeps, raided the Tulkarem refugee camp, searched many civilian houses and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Sheik Amar Nafaa, an employee of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, from Tulkarem refugee camp.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closures: The city of Nablus remains a closed military area. • Physical Assaults: Israeli soldiers severely beat 2 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Kamal Suod, 25 years old, at Beit Iba (west); and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Mohammad al-Hanbali, 24 years old, at Huwwara (south). • Raids: (i) The Israeli army raided Madama (south). Intensive gun firing and sound bombs were used. (ii) The Israeli army raided Awarta village (southeast) and imposed a curfew. (iii) At 10:00, the Israeli army, including 5 tanks, 1 APC, 1 bulldozer and 2 jeeps, raided and surrounded Balatah refugee camp, and searched several houses and opened fire injuring 7 civilians. 5 civilians were arrested and a curfew was imposed. • Destruction of Property: Intensive Israeli firing in Balatah refugee camp damaged civilian houses and stores. Israeli soldiers stole several items from 1 civilian house. • Injuries: The 7 civilians injured in Balatah refugee camp included a 70 year-old man and 2 youths. Nur Ahmad Amran, 15 years old, remains in critical condition due to a head injury • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians from Balatah refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The mother of Hisham Hamdan, who is wanted by Israel; (ii) Ahmad Mohamad al-Masimi; (iii) Ismael al-Arayesh; (iv) Mohammad al-Arayesh; and (v) Cannan Sabri.
HEBRON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the Al Fawwar junction, disrupting movement. • Detention: The Israeli army detained tens of civilians in the old city of Hebron, preventing them from praying in the Ibrahimi Mosque. • Land Leveling: The Israeli army, including bulldozers, leveled 10 <i>dunums</i> (2.5 acres) of land in the village of Yatta for expansion of the settler road 60. Land leveling activities continue. • Tree Uprooting: Israeli authorities informed Palestinian Civil Co-ordination of its intention to uproot tens of trees from Tarqumiya village that are near the Telem settlement. • Raid: The Israeli army raided the town of Beit Kahil (south). Several houses were searched and 2 civilians were arrested. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from the town of Beit Kahil: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Salem Hassan al-Asafreh, 36 years old; and (ii) Ra'fet Ibrahim al-asafreh, 21 years old.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army opened the DCO checkpoint, the only entrance to the city, allowing civilians and cars to pass through. • Separation Wall Gates: Passage through the separation wall gates is

	restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits which are based on no specific criteria. This Israeli closure continues to harm the education process since teachers, amongst others, are not granted access through the gates particularly in areas located behind the separation wall.
SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 19:30, Israeli renaissance helicopters patrolled over Salfit city. • <u>Attack:</u> At 00:20, the Israeli army located at Tall al Irsal opened fire at civilian houses, east of Salfit.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Erez crossing is partially open to workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 12,304 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 3966 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area. (iii) 350 civilians entered the Erez Industrial Area to apply for magnetic IDs. • <u>Attack:</u> At 14:35, the Israeli army located at Point 99 on the Green Line, Jouhar ed-Dik, south of Gaza city opened fire at Palestinian areas.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 19:50, the Israeli army located at Point 34 on the Green Line, east of Beit Hanoun, opened fire at civilian houses in Beit Hanoun.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed. (ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed. (iii) Abu Holi road was partially opened. • <u>Raid:</u> At 19:20 and again at 21:35, the Israeli army, including several APCs, raided the area between Abu 'Ein junction and a Palestinian Security Post and opened intensive fire. Several houses were searched.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures:</u> The Israeli army opened the Sufa crossing. 196 workers and 14 merchants crossed the Green Line.