

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 17 December 2003 – 08:00 18 December 2003

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	3	—	<b>3</b>	
Deaths	2	1	<b>3</b>	Incl. 1 17 yr. old, 1 woman
Injuries	6	—	<b>6</b>	1 woman, 3 children
Physical Assault	1	—	<b>1</b>	
Attacks	6	5	<b>11</b>	Incl. a journalist's car
Raids	21	5	<b>26</b>	1 security post, 1 Govt. Bldg.
Arrests (per person)	14	—	<b>14</b>	1 woman, policeman, youth
Detentions	4	—	<b>4</b>	
House Demolitions	2	—	<b>2</b>	1 in East Jerusalem
House Occupations	2	—	<b>2</b>	
School Destruction	1	—	<b>1</b>	
Land Leveling	2	—	<b>2</b>	100 <i>dunums</i>
Uprooting of Trees	1	—	<b>1</b>	400 Trees
Curfews	2	—	<b>2</b>	
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	11	—	<b>11</b>	
Closures (per District)	2	—	<b>2</b>	
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	<b>Most</b>	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Closure of Crossing Points	—	2	<b>2</b>	1 Partially open to workers
Religious Obstruction	2	—	<b>2</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>95</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
<b>WEST BANK</b>	
<b>JERUSALEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts.</li> <li>• <b>Separation Wall Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, Al Tur and Al Shayyah.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli authorities resumed construction of the separation wall in the Al Adyarah area (near Deir Faji).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> Israeli authorities demolished the home of Osamah Al 'Ajluni in the Beit Hanina neighborhood of East Jerusalem.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the town of 'Anata and arrested 3 civilians.</li> </ul>
<b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The iron gate near An Nabi Salih village remains closed, isolating the northern and northwestern villages from the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>• <b>House Occupation:</b> The Israeli army occupied and positioned itself inside a building in the southern neighborhood of El Bireh.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00 and 00:40, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the villages of Deir Ghassana and Beit Rima.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Ni'ma and opened fire indiscriminately. 2 civilians were injured, including a 15 year-old child, and 2 civilians were arrested.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Ilo, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iv) The Israeli army raided the village of Beit Sira, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(v) The Israeli army raided the village of Turmus'ayya and searched several houses.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Salih Mofleh Ziyadeh, 24 years old, from Beit Ilo.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested a university student near Ofra settlement as he was heading to university.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Separation Wall Gates:</b> Passage through the separation wall gates is</li> </ul>

	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>House Occupation:</b> The Israeli army occupied the home of Col. Ziad Hab Al Reeh, Head of Palestinian Preventive Security for the West Bank, where they still remain positioned.</li> <li>• <b>School Destruction:</b> The Israeli army demolished the cement wall and entry gates of an elementary school in Silat Al Harithiya.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided Sabastiya village and arrested 1 police officer after conducting a house search.</li> <li>(ii) Between 20:30 and 13:00, the Israeli army, including tanks, jeeps and 1 helicopter, raided the Wadi ad-Dein suburb of Jenin city and opened fire indiscriminately. 3 civilians were injured, including 1 female and 1 youth. 2 of the injured civilians were hit by an Israeli military jeep, including the youth.</li> <li>(iii) Between 03:00 and 05:00, the Israeli army, including several APCs and jeeps, raided the town of Qabatiya and arrested 3 civilians after conducting a house search.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested 'Abdel al-Ghani 'Omar 'Abadi, a police officer from Sabastiya.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians from Qabatiya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Mofeed Nazal, 45 years old;</li> <li>(iii) Mohammad Mofeed Nazal, 17 years old; and</li> <li>(iv) Walid Hussien Abu el-Rub, 43 years old.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity not yet reported.</li> </ul>
<b>BETHLEHEM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closures:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The southern entrance remains partially open to pedestrians.</li> <li>(ii) The Al Khadr road (east) and the DCO road (north) remain closed.</li> <li>(iii) The southern entrance (Al Nashash area) of the city was closed, cutting Bethlehem off from the Hebron district.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Uprooting of Trees:</b> The Israeli army uprooted 400 olive trees from the Wadi Fukin area and gave a verbal warning to Mahmoud Mustafa al-Horoub that his house would be demolished.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Al-Kafriyat gate remains closed, cutting off Tulkarem from Qalqilya.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Separation Wall Gates:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army prevented vehicles carrying gas supplies from entering al Baqa el Sharqiya area located behind the separation wall.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed the gate leading to Jubara village located behind the separation wall, preventing residents, employees and students from leaving the village.</li> <li>(iii) Israeli authorities have not renewed permits granted to residents of Qaffin village, located behind the separation wall, which expired on 12 December 2003.</li> <li>(iv) Israeli authorities have not granted permits to farmers of the town of Deir al Ghusun to access agricultural lands.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the village of Ramin and detained tens of civilians. Vehicles were searched and passenger IDs were checked.</li> <li>(ii) At 08:20, the Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints between the town of Bal'a and Al 'Atara village. Tens of civilians were detained between the two checkpoints.</li> <li>(iii) At 18:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint east of the town of Bal'a, and detained a number of civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Land Leveling:</u></b> The Israeli army, including bulldozers, began leveling an estimated area of 100 <i>dunums</i> (25 acres) of land in Far'un village.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided and searched the Palestinian Legislative Council building in Tulkarem.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:00, the Israeli army, including a patrol jeep, raided the eastern neighborhood of the city.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Physical Assault:</u></b> The Israeli army severely beat and injured Ayman Masoud, 25 years old, from Nazlat Isa.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closures:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The city of Nablus remains a closed military area.</li> <li>(ii) For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive day, Balata refugee camp remains under military siege from all directions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army set up 2 flying checkpoints in Al Juneid and west of Nablus city and detained tens of civilians, including university students.</li> <li>• <b><u>Curfew:</u></b> At 17:00, the Israeli army imposed a curfew on Huwwara village.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Between 17:00 and 21:45, the Israeli army raided several neighborhoods in Balata refugee camp and searched several civilian homes.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:30, the Israeli army, including tanks and APC's, raided the old</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>city of Nablus and opened fire randomly, killing 2 civilians. A curfew was imposed and 1 civilian house was demolished. The Israeli army remains in the city.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Assassinations:</u></b> The Israeli army assassinated 3 civilians as they entered the old city of Nablus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Jibrel Hassan Awad, 24 years old from Awarta village;</li> <li>(ii) Fadi Tufeeq Hanifi, 24 years old from Beit Dajan village; and</li> <li>(iii) Majdi al-Bahsh, 25 years old from Nablus.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Killing:</u></b> The Israeli army killed 1 civilian, Ala'edin Mas'oud al-Dawayah, from Nablus city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Death:</u></b> Hafeth Dar Mohammad, a 65 year-old patient, died due to his delay at the Huwwara checkpoint as he was trying to reach Nablus city.</li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolition:</u></b> The Israeli army demolished the house of Fadi Kassab.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of the town of Surif. Tens of civilians were detained for more than 2 hours.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying check point at the entrance of Beit Kahil.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army opened fire at Halhul village, injuring Murad Abu Zein, 15 years old.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army opened fire in Hebron at the vehicle of Hazem Badr, a journalist working for Associated Press, leaving 6 bullets in the vehicle.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army, including 20 APC's, raided al-Burj village, searched 1 civilian house, and arrested 1 female.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Surif, searched a number of civilian houses and mosques, and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Majidah Ismael al-Talahmah, a 33 year old female in al-Burj.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from the town of Surif:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) Ismael Ihmidan; and</li> <li>(iii) Mohammad Abu Farah.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Uprooting of Trees:</u></b> Israeli authorities issued an order to uproot thousands of trees in the Tarqumiya area due to its proximity to Telem settlement.</li> <li>• <b><u>Security Coordination:</u></b> Responding to requests by the Israeli head of the DCO in Bethlehem, his Palestinian counterpart conducted a search for Asher Ozi, an Israeli civilian who entered Bethlehem and had not returned home. Palestinian Preventive Security located the Israeli civilian in Hebron and returned him to the Israeli side.</li> </ul>

<p><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Separation Wall Gates:</b> 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.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoints:</b> At 07:30, the Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints on the junction of Jinsafut, the junction of Emmanuel settlement and the junction of Haris village.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 18:40, the Israeli army positioned near the settlement of Ma'ale Zahav opened fire at the south part of Kafr ad Dik village.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> Between 20:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps and APCs, raided the town of Rafat. 2 civilian houses were searched.</li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<p><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Erez crossing is partially open to workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 11,327 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel.</li> <li>(ii) 3,366 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area</li> <li>(iii) 350 civilians entered the Erez Industrial Area to apply for magnetic IDs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> The Israeli army positioned at the Green Line opened fire at civilian houses in the town of Beit Hanoun.</li> </ul>
<p><b>GAZA CITY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the area near Kfar Daroom settlement and searched several civilian houses.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Demolition of Security Posts:</b> At 22:00, the Israeli army using bulldozers demolished Palestinian Security Towers near the Abu al-Ajin junction.</li> </ul>
<p><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closures:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Abu al Ajin road (Khan Yunis Al Sharqiya) remains closed.</li> <li>(ii) Western road (Khan Yunis) remains closed.</li> <li>(iii) Abu Holi road was partially opened.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> The Israeli army opened fire at the neighborhoods of Al Amal and Al Namsawi.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 14:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided and searched a Palestinian National Security post north of Khan Yunis.</li> </ul>
<p><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army partially opened the Sufa crossing. 205 workers and 12 merchants crossed the Green Line into Israel.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 10:25, the Israeli army, located at an Israeli military position near Point 8.5 on the border with Egypt, opened fire at civilian houses in Yebna refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 13:50, the Israeli army raided Palestinian territories near Yebna refugee camp and the Ibrahimi neighborhood and opened intensive fire at civilian houses. 1 youth was killed.</li> <li>• <b>Killing:</b> The Israeli army shot in the head Mustafa Abdel Hameed Al Hams, 17 years old.</li> </ul>