مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 19 December 2003 – 08:00 20 December 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injuries	4	_	4	Incl. 2 14-15 year olds
Physical Assault	1	_	1	1 16 year old
Incursion	1	_	1	Balata refugee camp
Attacks	12	_	12	
Raids	18	_	18	
Arrests (per person)	9	2	11	1 female
Detentions	1	1	2	
Land Leveling	1		1	Bardala, Jenin
House Occupations	8		8	
School Occupation	1		1	Balata refugee camp
Checkpoints	All		All	
Flying Checkpoints	11		11	
Closures (per District)	2	_	2	
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
Demonstration	1	_	1	Deir Ballut separation wall
TOTAL	70	5	75	

WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	• <u>Closure</u> : The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts.			
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	 Closure: The iron gate near An Nabi Salih village remains closed, isolating the northern and northwestern villages from the city of Ramallah. Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ein 'Arik and another near the town of Khirbet Misbah, cutting off Ramallah from its western village. Raids: At 13:00, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the villages of Deir Ghassana and Kafr 'Ein. At 15:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Deir Ghassana. Between 11:30 and 17:00, the Israeli army, including several patrol jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and opened intensive and indiscriminate fire at civilians. 1 youth was injured. Between 17:30 and 18:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the villages of Deir Ghassana, Beit Rima and Kafr 'Ein. The Israeli army raided a neighborhood in El Bireh and arrested 1 civilian. Injury: The Israeli army injured in the leg Baha' Mohammad al Shu'aibi, 15 years old. Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Iman Youssef Abul Hayat, female, from El Bireh. 			
JENIN	 Flying Checkpoints: (i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the Jenin-Nablus-Jaba' junction, and another at the Sanur-Jaba' junction. (ii) The Israeli army, including 1 tank, set up a flying checkpoint at the Jenin-Al Yamun junction, denying passengers entry. (iii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the Al Yamun-Silat al Harithiya junction, denying passengers entry. (iv) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of the town of Tubas, denying passengers entry. Separation Wall Land Leveling: The Israeli army started leveling land in 			

	the Bardala area for construction of the eastern portions of the separation wall. • Raids: (i) At 16:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Jaba', indiscriminately opened fire, and remained positioned in the town until 19:00. (ii) The Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and searched several houses.			
JERICHO	 Closure: On Friday evening, the Israeli army closed all checkpoints surrounding the city, preventing trucks carrying food supplies and goods from entering Jericho. Checkpoints will remain closed until Sunday morning. House Demolition: Mohammad Omar from Al Jiftlik received a demolition order for his storage facility from Israeli authorities. 			
ВЕТНІЕНЕМ	 Closure: The southern entrance (Al Nashash area) of the city remains closed, cutting Bethlehem off from Hebron district. Attack: The Israeli army indiscriminately opened fire and threw sound bombs near 'Aida refugee camp near the DCO, and threw 1 sound bomb at Road 60 near the tunnel. Raid: The Israeli army raided Husan village, opened fire, threw sound bombs, searched several houses and arrested civilians. 			
TULKAREM	 Flying Checkpoints: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between Nazlat Isa and the town of Al Baqa el Sharqiya, and another between Al Baqa el Sharqiya and Qaffin village, searched vehicles and checked passenger IDs. The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to the town of Beit Lid, searched vehicles and forced passengers to stand in the rain while checking IDs. Raids: At 08:50, the Israeli army, including patrol jeeps, raided the villages of Far'un, 'Izbat Shufa, and 'Izbat at Tayyah, south of the city. At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 1 patrol jeep, raided the town of 'Anabta, provoking civilians into a confrontation with Israeli soldiers, who used live ammunition and sound bombs. At 00:25, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Tulkarem refugee camp, positioned itself in front of the home of a doctor, and opened fire at a cultural center in the camp. 			

	(iv) Between 01:00 and 05:30, the Israeli army, including 1 tank, 2 APCs and Special Forces, raided and opened intensive and indiscriminate fire at civilian houses.
NABLUS	 Closures: The city of Nablus remains a closed military area. For the 5th consecutive day, Balata refugee camp remains under military siege from all directions. Incursion: At 14:00, the Israeli army, including a large military force, entered Balata refugee camp from 3 points, indiscriminately opened fire, searched civilian houses, and occupied an UNRWA school and used it as a detention center. The Israeli army opened fire from civilian houses that were occupied. Several civilians were injured and arrested. The exact number of injuries and arrests remains unknown. The Israeli army prevented journalists from documenting the event. Injuries: The Israeli army injured at least 3 civilians, including: Fathi Iyad, 14 years old, live ammunition to his right thigh; and Yahya Sa'id Shawwa, 16 years old, severely beaten. House Occupations: Several buildings overlooking Balata refugee camp were occupied. Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians from Balata refugee camp: Hashem Abu Hamdan; Rabeea' Abu Layla; Billal el Zarifee; Mohammad 'Eweis; Nadir Abu Layla; and Khalil Marshoud.
HEBRON	Activity not yet reported .
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 23:50 and 01:30, the Israeli army, including several jeeps, raided Qalqilya city.
SALFIT	• Attacks: (i) At 18:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, opened fire from the

- settler bypass road near the town of Kafr ed Dik towards the town.

 (ii) At 18:40, the Israeli army attacked Wadi Abdel Rahman, north of Salfit, from a nearby military camp.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 13:00, a demonstration took place in Deir Ballut in protest against construction of the separation wall and included residents of the town of Deir Ballut and international and Israeli peace activists.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	 Closure: The Erez crossing is partially open to workers: (i) 235 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 1,902 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area.
GAZA CITY	• <u>Closure</u> : Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.
CENTRAL GAZA	Activity not yet reported
KHAN YUNIS	 Closures: (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. Arrest/Detentions: The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian at Abu Holi road between the checkpoints of Al Matahim and Abu Holi and detained a number of civilians.
RAFAH	 <u>Closure</u>: Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers. 36 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel. <u>Arrest</u>: The Israeli army arrested Mamdouh Abdelbari, 30 years old, at the Rafah border junction.