

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 20 December 2003 – 08:00 21 December 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	1	—	1	
Injuries	8	1	9	4 children (6-9, and 16 yr. old)
Physical Assault	4	—	4	
Attacks	5	2	7	
Raids	22	—	22	
Air Patrols	2	—	2	
Arrests (per person)	27	—	27	Incl. 5 children, 11, 14 and 15
Detentions	3	—	3	
Land Leveling	—	1	1	
Land Confiscation	3	—	3	
Destruction of Property	6	—	6	
House Occupations	2	—	2	Incl. 1 building
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	5	—	5	
Curfew	1	—	1	
Closures (per District)	4	—	4	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
School Disruption	1	—	1	
Religious Obstruction	1	1	2	Incl. damage to mosque
Settler Violence	2	—	2	
Palestinian Attack	—	1	1	
TOTAL	97	8	105	

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 resumed construction of the separation wall in the Al Adyarah area (near Deir Faji). • Land Confiscation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities issued land confiscation orders to several residents of Beit Surik, Beit Ikxa and Al Qubeiba. (ii) Several residents of the villages of Liqya, Beit Anan, Qatanna and Biddu received land confiscation orders and 20 house demolition orders for the construction of the separation wall. • Raid/Religious Obstruction: The Israeli army surrounded and raided the neighborhood of Dahiyat al Bareed, searched tens of civilian houses, surrounded 1 mosque, fired warning shots in the air near the mosque and handed notices to those exiting the mosque to appear for questioning at the Israeli intelligence services. • Physical Assault/Detention: The Israeli army severely beat and detained Ra'ed Theyeb Qarresh, 39 years old. • Detention: The Israeli army detained tens of civilians in Ar Ram neighborhood and gave several residents notices to appear for questioning at the Israeli intelligence services.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The iron gate near An Nabi Salih village remains completely closed, even to ambulances, isolating the northwestern villages from the city of Ramallah. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided Kafr 'Ein village. (ii) Between 19:50 and 20:30, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Deir Ghassana, opened fire and threw sound grenades. (iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein and the towns of Deir Ghassana and Beit Rima. (iv) The Israeli army raided Kobar village (northwest), searched several houses and arrested 2 civilians. (v) The Israeli army raided the town of Silwad (east), searched tens of

	<p>houses and arrested 5 civilians.</p> <p>(vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya (east), searched several houses, arrested 6 civilians and completely destroyed the furniture, windows and doors of a house belonging to one of those arrested.</p> <p>(vii) The Israeli army raided Kafr Malik (east), searched several houses and arrested 4 civilians.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from Kobar village: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Jaser Isma'el Al Barghuthi, 31 years old; and (ii) Murad Walid Al Barghuthi, 28 years old. <p>The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians from the town of Silwad:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iii) Faraj Abdelmajeed Al Natour, 21 years old; (iv) Ahmad Da'oud Hamed, 22 years old; (v) Khalid Abedlmo'ez Al Najjar, 24 years old; (vi) Ahmad Mustafa Al Najjar, 22 years old; and (vii) Mu'ayed Shukri Hamed, 28 years old. <p>The Israeli army arrested 6 civilians, including 2 brothers, from Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (viii) Ayed Abu Laban, 35 years old, contents of his house were destroyed; (ix) Rabe'a Khader Hamidah, 30 years old; (x) Nimr Raqi Abu Laban, 28 years old; (xi) Mahmoud Ghassoun, 18 years old; (xii) Hisham Abdelqader Hijaz, 28 years old; and his brother (xiii) Issam Abdelqader Hijaz. <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians from Kafr Malik:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (xiv) Jum;ah Hamidah; (xv) Faysul Mahir Hamayel; (xvi) Mohammad Othman Salamah; and (xvii) Samir Saleh Salamah
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army raided the town of Tubas and searched several houses. (ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Silat al Harthiya. • School Disruption: Classes were disrupted at the Industrial School in Silat al Harthiya during an Israeli army raid.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Checkpoint: The Israeli army prevented a medical vehicle carrying oxygen from reaching the hospital in Jericho.
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The southern entrance (Al Nashash area) of the city remains

	<p>closed, cutting Bethlehem off from Hebron district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Curfew:</u> At 05:00, the Israeli army imposed a curfew on the town of Husan, west of Bethlehem. • <u>Land Confiscation:</u> Fayez Mohammad Al Sa'afen from Husan village received land confiscation orders for 5 <i>dunums</i> (1.25 acres) of his land from the Israeli authorities for the construction of a power station that will supply electricity to surrounding Israeli settlements. • <u>Arrests:</u> On 19 December 2003, the Israeli army arrested 3 children from Husan village (west): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammad Issa Al Sabaten, 14 years old; (ii) Mohammad Rai Al Sabaten, 15 years old; and (iii) Mustafa Jamal Hamamrah, 15 years old.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Between 09:00 and 14:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Bizzariya village, denying passengers entry. (ii) At 09:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of the town of Bal'a, denying passengers entry. (iii) At 09:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Nur el Shams refugee camp and checked passenger IDs. (iv) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Bizzariya, stopped vehicles and checked passenger ID's. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 17:00, the Israeli army, including a patrol jeep, raided the town of Bal'a, and arrested 1 youth, provoking a confrontation between Palestinian civilians and Israeli soldiers. (ii) Between 02:00 and 06:00, the Israeli army and 2 helicopters raided Tulkarem city, completely surrounded Tulkarem refugee camp, and indiscriminately opened intensive fire at civilian houses. (iii) Between 02:30 and 03:00, the Israeli army and 2 helicopters surrounded Nur Al Shams refugee camp and indiscriminately opened intensive fire at civilian houses. • <u>Destruction of Property:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army destroyed 3 civilian vehicles. (ii) The Israeli army destroyed the windows of the home of a member of the Palestinian Preventive Security and confiscated his mobile phone. (iii) The Israeli army demolished one of the walls of the home of Ahmad Da'abis. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Nasser Yousef Hanoun, 15 years old, from the town of Bal'a. • <u>Physical Assaults:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 18:30, Israeli soldiers severely beat Abedelmu'ti Iyrani, 31-year-old civilian, near Irtah neighborhood. (ii) At 19:30, Israeli soldiers positioned at Al Taybeh checkpoint severely

	<p>beat Mohammad Shafek Ateyah, 19-year-old worker, causing severe injuries. Mohammad was transferred to hospital for medical treatment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Occupation: The Israeli army occupied the home of Palestinian police officer Mowafek el Damiri in Tulkarem refugee camp and opened fire from the house in the direction of civilian houses.
<p>NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closures: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The city of Nablus remains a closed military area. (ii) For the 6th consecutive day, Balata refugee camp remains under military siege from all directions. • House Occupation: The Israeli army occupied a building in Jabal al Shamali. • Raids: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 14:00, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp and indiscriminately opened fire. 8 civilians were injured, including 4 children, and 3 civilians were arrested, including 1 child. (ii) Between 21:00 and 03:20, the Israeli army, including several APCs and jeeps, raided Nablus city, remained positioned in several neighborhoods and arrested 1 civilian. • Injuries: The Israeli army injured at least 4 children in Balata refugee camp: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Sa'eed Theyb Shawa, 6 years old; (ii) Ahmad Mohammad Mohammad Shafa'i, 9-year-old civilian; (iii) Nidal Riyad Hurani, 16 years old; and (iv) Ibrahim Bilal Sinono, 16 years old. • Physical Assault: Israeli soldiers severely beat Zyeed Saleem Abu Shaheen, 29-year-old civilian, in Balata refugee camp. • Arrests: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Adnan 'Asfour, 38-years-old, from Nablus city <p>The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians from Balata refugee camp:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Ghali Samir Theyab, 11 years old; (iii) Hazem Mazen Hasounah, 22 years old; and (iv) Mohammad Rawjbah, 22 years old.
<p>HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detentions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army detained for several hours more than 30 civilians at the northern entrance of Bethlehem city. (ii) The Israeli army detained tens of civilians at the outskirts of the old city of Hebron (located in H2 area). • Raids: The Israeli army raided the village of Nuba and the town of Beit Ula and searched civilian houses.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Settler Violence:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli settlers from Kiryat Arba' settlement attacked with stones and sticks Palestinian school students as they were walking home from school. (ii) Israeli settlers from the settlement of Negahot near Dura attacked several civilians leading to the injury of 1 civilian, Ahmad Al Hroub.
QALQILYA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Separation Wall Gates:</u> 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. • <u>Death:</u> At 12:00, Kamal Ateyah Qtawi, 32 years old, died as a result of injuries sustained to his back from Israeli gunfire on 3 February 2002.
SALFIT	<p><u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 22:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between Nablus city and Khirbet Qeis village.</p> <p><u>Raids:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided Salfit city. (ii) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided Ammuriya village. (iii) At 21:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Kafr ed Dik. (iv) At 21:50, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the villages of Arura and Kirbet Qeis.

GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closures:</u> The Erez crossing is partially open to workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) 12,679 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 3,721 workers entered the Erez Industrial Zone. • <u>Palestinian Attack:</u> At 23:00, Palestinians located east of Beit Hanoun fired 2 mortars in the direction of the Green Line.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 22:30, the Israeli army positioned at Point 100 on the Green Line opened fire towards the Palestinian territory of Juhr ed Dik, south of Gaza.

CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closures: <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.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers. 213 workers and 13 merchants crossed the Green Line into Israel. • Land Leveling: At 09:55, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers and 2 APCs, entered within 100 meters of Palestinian territory to level land adjacent to Al Brazil neighborhood. • Attack/Damage to Religious Site: At 07:55, the Israeli army positioned at Point 8 on the Egyptian border opened intensive fire at Yabna refugee camp, resulting in the severe injury of 1 civilian in his back, destruction of the southern side of a mosque and its furniture.