

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 21 December 2003 – 08:00 22 December 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	3	—	3	2 children, 5 and 16 yr.
Injuries	4	—	4	
Physical Assaults	2	—	2	Incl. 1 12 yr. old child
Attacks	5	2	7	
Raids	18	—	18	
Arrests (per person)	9	—	9	Incl. 1 female, 1 child (17)
House Occupations	2	—	2	2 buildings
Land Leveling	1	2	3	
Uprooting of Trees	1	—	1	
Destruction of Property	2	—	2	
Curfews	4	—	4	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	1	—	1	
Closures (per District)	4	—	4	
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
Settlement Activity	3	—	3	Incl. outpost fence 1,750 m ²
Settler Violence	1	—	1	
Demonstration	1	—	1	Against Separation Wall
TOTAL	61	6	67	

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, and Al Eizariya. (ii) Israeli authorities delivered verbal notices of eviction and demolition to residents of the area south east of 'Anata village. 20 sheep pens will be demolished in preparation for construction of the separation wall. (iii) Israeli authorities sent heavy machinery and equipment (including bulldozers and trucks) to the area between Ma'ale Adummim and Az Za'ayem village in preparation for construction of the separation wall.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The iron gate near An Nabi Salih village remains completely closed, isolating the northwestern villages from the city of Ramallah. • Flying Checkpoint: The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near Surda village on the Ramallah-Bir Zeit road and arrested 1 civilian. • Settlement Activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) For the past 3 days, Israeli settlers have placed caravans at the Shevut Rahel outpost and occupied and enclosed 1750 m² of land adjacent to the settlement with barbed wire. (ii) Israeli settlers began construction of a road connecting Shillo settlement with Shevut Rahel settlement and erected electricity poles on the side of the road, cutting off the northern districts of the West Bank from the central districts. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 10:20, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided the Mazari' an Nubani village. (ii) At 13:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, arrested the wife of Ahmad Mustafa Al Najar, who was arrested yesterday, searched and destroyed the windows and doors of their house, and indiscriminately opened fire outside the house causing damage to vehicles in the area. (iii) At 19:50, the Israeli army, including 1 jeep, raided 'Abud village and the town of Beit Rima.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) At 23:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided Kafr 'Ein village and the town of Deir Ghassana. (v) The Israeli army raided al Mughayyir village, searched 1 civilian house and arrested 1 civilian. • Arrests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army arrested Bayan Omar Al Barghothi, a resident of Kobar village, near the village of Surda. (ii) The Israeli army arrested Jalal Adeb Abdullah from the village of Mughayyir.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raid: At 07:30, the Israeli army, including 1 patrol jeep, raided Sanur village and imposed a curfew.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The southern entrance (Al Nashash area) of the city remains closed, cutting Bethlehem off from Hebron district. (ii) The Israeli army closed Khirbet el Thebe east of Bethlehem, prevented civilians from accessing their agricultural lands and grazing areas and verbally informed residents that these lands will be confiscated. • Land Leveling: At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 2 bulldozers, leveled lands owned by the Greek Orthodox church near checkpoint 300, separating Jerusalem and Bethlehem. • Curfew: At 09:00, the Israeli army raided Husan village, imposed a curfew, and arrested 1 child • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Mohammad Yasser el Za'wal, 17 years old, from Husan village. • Settler Violence: At 16:30, 3 Israeli settlers passing through Za'tara village severely beat Ahmad Ibrahim Khamis, 12-year-old child, who was taken to hospital for medical treatment.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 16:45, and again at 21:00, the Israeli army, including 1 patrol jeep, raided the center of Tulkarem city and indiscriminately opened fire. (ii) At 18:00, the Israeli army raided Kafr el Labad village, provoked a Palestinian civilian confrontation with Israeli soldiers, and beat Palestinian civilians. (iii) At 21:00, the Israeli army, including 1 patrol jeep, positioned itself at the entrance of Iktaba village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) Between 23:50 and 04:00, the Israeli army, including a large military force, raided and surrounded Tulkarem refugee camp and indiscriminately opened fire in the direction of civilian houses. (v) The Israeli army raided the town of ‘Anabta, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrest: The Israeli army arrested Khayri Hanoun in the town of ‘Anabta.
<p style="text-align: center;">NABLUS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli authorities lifted the closure on Nablus city that has been imposed for several months. (ii) For the 7th consecutive day, Balata refugee camp remains under military siege from all directions. • Curfew: At 23:30, the Israeli army imposed a curfew on Nablus city. • Raid: At 20:05, the Israeli army raided Jabal al Shamali and occupied 2 buildings on the road to the old city of Nablus. • Deaths: 3 civilians, including 2 children, died in Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mohammad Na’im Al ‘Araj, 5 years old; (ii) Nur el Din Ahmad ‘Amran; 16 years old, who has been in the hospital since 16 December 2003 due to a head injury caused by live firing; (iii) Zuhair Mahmoud ‘Eweis, 53 years old, died of a heart attack due to tear gas inhalation that aggravated an existing heart condition. • Injuries: The Israeli army injured 4 civilians, including 2 injuries sustained from tear gas inhalation and 2 from gunshot wounds. • Uprooting of Trees: The Israeli army uprooted tens of trees on the main road through the town of Huwwara (south).
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army surrounded from all directions the town of Idhna, west of Hebron city. • Raid: At 01:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Taffuh, west of Hebron city, and arrested 4 civilians. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians in the town of Taffuh: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Firas Nasser at Tarwah, 23 years old; (ii) Salim Adel Izraqat, 20 years old; (iii) Ahmad Salamah Khamaysah, 34 years old; and (iv) Khaled Ibrahim et Tarwah, 40 years old.
<p style="text-align: center;">QALQILYA</p>	<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.

SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attack:</u> At 23:30, the Israeli army positioned at Talet al Irsal opened fire in the direction of Abdelrahman valley north of Salfit city. • <u>Curfew:</u> At 07:10, the Israeli army imposed a curfew on Marda village. • <u>Demonstration:</u> Residents of the town of Deir Ballot demonstrated against the Israeli army halting construction of a school because its location is too close to the separation wall.
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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) 12,120 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel. (ii) 3,887 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area (iii) 200 civilians entered the Erez Industrial Area to apply for magnetic IDs
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.
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>Land Leveling:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer and 1 tank, leveled 9 <i>dunums</i> (2.25 acres) of olive trees within 100 m of Abu el 'Ajin area. (ii) At 15:50, the Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer and 1 patrol jeep, leveled the land south of Abu al Ajin junction in Palestinian territory. • <u>Attacks:</u> At 13:30, the Israeli army positioned at Points 11 and 12 on the Security Line indiscriminately opened intensive fire in the direction of civilian houses in Al Barabjah and Al Namsawi neighborhoods.
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers. 323 workers and 15 merchants crossed the Green Line into Israel.