

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 22 December 2003 – 08:00 23 December 2003

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	—	1	<b>1</b>	Police officer, Rafah Crossing
Deaths	1	6	<b>7</b>	1 63 yr. old male, 1 child (17)
Injuries	18	28	<b>46</b>	Incl. 8 children
Incursion	1	—	<b>1</b>	Yabna refugee camp, Rafah
Attacks	4	8	<b>12</b>	
Raids	14	—	<b>14</b>	
Air Patrols	—	2	<b>2</b>	Fired at Yabna refugee camp
Arrests (per person)	4	—	<b>4</b>	1 Police officer, Jenin
Detentions	5	—	<b>5</b>	Incl. 200 workers in factory
House Occupations	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. buildings
House Demolitions	3	4	<b>7</b>	3 in East Jerusalem
Uprooting of Trees	—	1	<b>1</b>	
Destruction of Property	1	2	<b>3</b>	Incl. gas station
Curfews	7	—	<b>7</b>	
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	4	—	<b>4</b>	
Closures (per District)	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. 1 area
Closure of Main Roads	Most	(4)	<b>Most</b>	
Closure of Wall Gates	All	—	<b>All</b>	Permits required to cross
Closure of Crossing Points	—	3	<b>3</b>	1 Partially open to workers
School Disruption	4	—	<b>4</b>	Incl. 550 teachers blocked
Medical Obstruction	2	—	<b>2</b>	Birth at chkpnt., 1 twin died
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>130</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> Israeli authorities continue construction of the separation wall in Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, and Al Eizariya.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolitions:</b> The Israeli army demolished 3 civilian houses in Al Eizariya neighborhood.</li> <li>• <b>Israeli Restrictions:</b> Israeli authorities fined Aminah Qara'in from Silwan village the amount of 100,000 NIS for the construction of a house without a permit.</li> <li>• <b>Settlement Activity:</b> The Israeli army has begun enclosing Ma'ale Adummim settlement with barbed wire.</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 completely closed, isolating the northwestern villages from the city of Ramallah.</li> <li>• <b>Flying Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the town of Kharbatha Bani Salah and prevented civilians from crossing.</li> <li>• <b>Curfew:</b> Between 12:30 and 18:00, the Israeli army imposed a curfew on the town of Silwad.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 22:00 and again at 01:20, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima and Deir Ghassana and the village of the Kafr 'Ein.</li> <li>(ii) At 04:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided Abu Shukheidim village (northwest), searched 1 civilian house and arrested 1 civilian after detaining his family outside the house.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested Hashem Nasser As Sous, 31 years old, from Abu Shukheidim village.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>House Demolitions:</b> Between 09:00 and 11:00 Tuesday morning, the Israeli army demolished 2 houses in Al 'Aqaba village. The 2 houses were included in demolition orders for a total of 12 buildings, including houses, a mosque and day care center, issued on 22 October 2003. Israeli soldiers informed civilians in the area that they would return in 5 days to</li> </ul>

	<p>demolish the remaining 10 houses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Flying Checkpoints:</u></b> The Israeli army set up 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances of the villages of Arba, Sanur and Jaba'</li> <li>• <b><u>Curfew:</u></b> The Israeli army imposed a curfew on the villages of Sanur, Siris and Meithalun.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Between 11:15 and 14:15, the Israeli army, including several APCs and jeeps, raided the eastern neighborhood of Jenin city, imposed a curfew, surrounded and searched the home of Ayssar Abu Sa'ed, 30 years old, arrested Ayssar Abu Sa'ed, and indiscriminately opened fire, injuring 7 civilians, including 3 children.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided a neighborhood in Jenin refugee camp and searched 1 civilian house.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Injuries:</u></b> The Israeli army injured 7 civilians, including 3 children, in Jenin: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mahmoud Amen Farhati, 15 years old, injured in the neck by shrapnel;</li> <li>(ii) Ra'fat Sa'ed 'Eweis, 14 years old, injured by shrapnel; and</li> <li>(iii) Mohammad Walid Qasim, 17 years old, injured by live fire.</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><u>Closure:</u></b> The southern entrance (Al Nashash area) of the city remains closed, cutting Bethlehem off from the Hebron district.</li> <li>• <b><u>Detention/Medical Obstruction:</u></b> At 09:00, the Israeli army detained a Palestinian ambulance, arrested 1 patient, and detained Dr. Zuheir Al Khatib, president of Bethlehem Medical Services, and released him after interrogation.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Ziyad Nu'aman Shahim while he was being transported as a patient in a Palestinian ambulance.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Detentions:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army detained Munthir Mohammad Staytah for several hours and released him after interrogation.</li> <li>(ii) At 14:00, the Israeli army detained tens of civilians on the Kafriyat checkpoint, forcing them to lift their shirts and turn before approaching the checkpoint.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 13:30, the Israeli army, including a foot patrol, raided Shuweika neighborhood.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> For the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive day, Balata refugee camp remains under military siege from all directions.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Detentions:</u></b> The Israeli army detained 200 workers for 11 hours in an oil factory near Balata refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 09:30, the Israeli army raided Balata refugee camp, searched civilian houses, and indiscriminately opened fire in the direction of civilians, injuring 11 civilians, including 6 children.</li> <li>• <b><u>Deaths:</u></b> Nathmi Mahmoud Al 'Aziz Duwaykat, 63 years old, died of a heart attack as the Israeli army violently and provocatively raided his house in Balata refugee camp.</li> <li>• <b><u>Injuries:</u></b> The Israeli army injured 11 civilians, including 6 children, from Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Jamil Abdelmahal, 12 years old, suffers from a head injury;</li> <li>(ii) Islam Ma'moun Khalili, 14 years old, live fire to the right leg;</li> <li>(iii) Marwan Azmi Kharaz, 14 years old, live fire to the right leg;</li> <li>(iv) Mohammad Mahmoud Shaqqo, 14 years old, rubber coated steel bullet injury; and</li> <li>(v) Ibrahim Hussien Abu Thara'a, 17 years old, rubber coated steel bullet injury.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>House Occupation:</u></b> The Israeli army occupied 3 buildings facing the old city of Nablus and converted them into military positions.</li> <li>• <b><u>School Disruption:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Schools have been closed in the eastern area of the city and refugee camps as a result of the Israeli attack on Balata refugee camp and the closure of roads in these areas.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli checkpoints surrounding the city prevented approximately 550 teachers from reaching village schools.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to surround from all directions the town of Idhna, west of Hebron city. During the night, the town was raided several times and civilian houses were searched.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed Halhul Bridge with iron gates. Halhul Bridge is the only road connecting Hebron to its northern villages and the district of Bethlehem.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> At 19:45, the Israeli army imposed a curfew on the H2 area, opened fire and threw bombs at 1 civilian house.</li> <li>• <b><u>Destruction of Property:</u></b> The Israeli army, including 1 bulldozer, demolished a gas station belonging to Ibrahim Al Bratha'i in the town of Halhul, detained 15 civilians and confiscated their IDs.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> The Israeli army raided Hebron city, searched 1 civilian house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested from Hebron city Baha Mohammad Zahirah, 24 years old.</li> <li>• <b><u>School Disruption:</u></b> The Israeli army prevented students of 3 schools in the H2 area from reaching their schools.</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>Closure:</b> The Israeli army closed the iron gate at the entrance of the town of Deir Ballut.</li> <li>• <b>Medical Obstruction/Death:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army prevented an ambulance carrying Lamis Taysser who was in labor, from crossing the iron gate. The medical team in the ambulance delivered the twin babies at the checkpoint. One of the twins died during birth.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army prevented an ambulance carrying civilians injured in a car accident from crossing 'Atara Bridge.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Curfew:</b> Marda village remains under curfew. The Israeli army searched 2 civilian houses.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 17:50, the Israeli army positioned at Talet el Irsal opened fire in the direction of Abdelrahman valley, north of Salfit city.</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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 12,679 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel.</li> <li>(ii) 3,721 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> At 10:10, the Israeli army positioned at Point 35 on the Green Line indiscriminately opened fire at civilian houses in 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>Attacks:</b> At 14:00, the Israeli army located at Point 85 on the Green Line opened fire at the Al 'Aydi area east of Gaza.</li> </ul>
<p><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity not yet reported</li> </ul>
<p><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ol 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> </ol> </li> </ul>

	<p>(iii) Abu Holi road was partially opened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:35, the Israeli army located at Point 9 on the Security Line indiscriminately opened intensive fire at civilian houses in Al Gharbi refugee camp. 3 civilians were injured.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:35, the Israeli army located at Point 194 on the Green Line opened fire at civilian houses in the town of Khuza'a.</li> <li>(iii) At 19:20, the Israeli army positioned at Al Matahin checkpoint opened fire at nearby civilians. 5 civilians were injured.</li> <li>(iv) At 19:35, the Israeli army, including several APCs, positioned near Kissufim settlements indiscriminately opened intensive fire in the direction of el Qarara area.</li> <li>(v) At 20:00, the Israeli army indiscriminately opened intensive fire in all directions and fired 6 tank shells at a civilian house east of Kissufim settlement, causing the death of 2 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Deaths:</b> 2 civilians died as a result of the Israeli attack on a civilian house east of Kissufim settlement : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Asa'd el 'Awadi; and</li> <li>(ii) Mas'oud Mohammad Mustafa.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>House Demolitions/Uprooting of Trees:</b> At 20:30, the Israeli army, including 25 jeeps, 1 tank and 1 bulldozer, raided the area of Abu al 'Ajin, demolished 4 civilian houses, bulldozed greenhouses and uprooted olive trees.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers. 213 merchants and 13 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army closed Al Awda border crossing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 03:10, the Israeli army, including 30 APCs and 1 jeep, positioned at Point 7 on the Egyptian border near Salah Ad Dein entrance, fired tank shells and fired machine guns from helicopters at Yabna refugee camp, causing the death of 2 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Incursion:</b> At 03:10, the Israeli army, including 20 APC's, 1 tank and 2 bulldozers, raided a neighborhood in Yabna refugee camp adjacent to Point 7.5 on the Egyptian border, opened fire from attack helicopters and fired tank shells at civilian houses in Yabna refugee camp, causing the death of 2 children and injuring 20 civilians, 5 of whom are in critical condition.</li> <li>• <b>Assassination:</b> At 03:00, the Israeli army assassinated Ahmad Abdelnajar, a Palestinian police officer, using a rifle with a silencer. Ahmad was shot in the head and died immediately.</li> <li>• <b>Deaths:</b> <p>2 civilians died in the Israeli attack of Yabna refugee camp:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Khalil el Qassass, 40 years old, hit by a live fire; and</li> <li>(ii) Ali Al Najjar, 46 years old, hit by a live fire in the head</li> </ul> <p>2 civilians died in the Israeli raid of Yabna refugee camp:</p> </li> </ul>

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(iii) 'Eid Hassan Al Najjar, 17 years old; and</li><li>(iv) Khamis Anwar Al Ra'i.</li></ul> |
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