

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 23 December 2003 – 08:00 24 December 2003

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	2	3	5	Incl. 1 baby, 1 child (13)
Injuries	16	16	32	Incl. 1 baby, 7 child., 1 officer
Incursions	1	1	2	Tulkarem & Yebna ref. camp
Attacks	11	1	12	
Raids	22	—	22	
Air Patrols	6	1	7	
Arrests (per person)	7	4	11	Incl. 1 child (15)
Detention	1	—	1	
House Demolitions	5	2	7	
Land Leveling	2	1	3	Over 50 <i>dunums</i>
Destruction of Property	6	—	6	
Curfews	4	—	4	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	10	—	10	
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
School Disruption	2	—	2	
Settlement Activity	2	—	2	Incl. expansion of Hallamish
Settler Violence	1	—	1	
Palestinian Attacks	—	4	4	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>137</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> </ul>
<b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near the village of Beit 'Ur obstructing movement of traffic.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Surda, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima and searched 1 house.</li> <li>(iv) At 00:30, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian because he did not have a Palestinian Passport.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army arrested Fu'ad Nasir Awad, 28 years old, from Beit Rima.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army arrested Omar Hamza Abdul Samad in Surda.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settlement Activity:</b> The Israeli army enclosed land belonging to the village of Deir Nidham with barbed wire for the expansion of Hallamish settlement.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including several jeeps, raided the village of Jab', south of Jenin city, provoked civilians into confrontations with Israeli soldiers, and opened indiscriminate and intensive fire. 1 civilian was shot in the head and killed instantly.</li> <li>(ii) At 03:00, a large Israeli army force raided the town of Qabatiya, searched the house of a Palestinian officer and detained several civilians inside the house before withdrawing at 07:30.</li> <li>(iii) The Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, opened fire and threw tear gas grenades and sound bombs at civilians. 1 civilian injured in the head and is in critical condition.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Killing:</u></b> The Israeli army shot 25 year old Iyad Khalil 'Alawna in the head, killing him instantly.</li> <li>• <b><u>Injuries:</u></b> The Israeli army injured Jamal Ali Daraghma, 33 year old in Tubas.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Obeida Jalal Obeidi.</li> <li>• <b><u>School Disruption:</u></b> The Israeli army raided the school of Silat al Harithiya and arrested 1 student.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> Settlers from the settlement of Homesh raided the town of Silat al Dhafer and indiscriminately opened fire.</li> </ul>
<b>JERICHO</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Destruction of Property:</u></b> The Israeli army tore down tents belonging to a civilian from the village of Al 'Ojai.</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>Curfew:</u></b> The Israeli army continues to impose curfew on the town of Nahhalin, west Bethlehem.</li> <li>• <b><u>Destruction of Property:</u></b> Israeli bulldozers leveled land located between the town of Nahhalin and the village of Husan.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint between the town of Baqa ash Sharqiya and Nazlit Issa (both located behind the wall)</li> <li>(ii) At 10:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Izbat Shufa, obstructing movement of traffic.</li> <li>(iii) At 13:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of 'Illar.</li> <li>(iv) At 15:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Bal'a, preventing movement of traffic.</li> <li>(v) At 16:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Nur Shams refugee camp and the town of Anabta, searched vehicles and checked passenger IDs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrols:</u></b> At 07:30, and again at 10:00 and 16:30, Israeli army conducted air patrols over the city of Tulkarem.</li> <li>• <b><u>Incursion:</u></b> At 02:40, the Israeli army, including 25 tanks and jeeps accompanied by 2 helicopters and a reconnaissance plane, raided Tulkarem refugee camp from its 4 entrances, fired tank shells and opened fire towards civilian houses before withdrawing at 05:15.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Far'un and Dahiyat Irtah.</li> <li>(ii) At 16:15, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem city and positioned itself at the northern entrance of Tulkarem refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NABLUS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army divided the eastern and western neighborhoods of the city of Nablus with dirt barricades and opened fire at anyone attempting to cross the barricades. 2 civilians, including 1 female, were injured.</li> <li>(ii) For the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive day, Balata refugee camp remains under military siege from all directions. The Israeli army searched civilian houses and opened fire at civilians, injuring 7, including 3 children.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 13:00, the Israeli army demolished a house and storehouses belonging to 25-year-old Khalid Asida in the village of Sebastia.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army, including bulldozers, raided the town of Deir Sharaf, west of Nablus city, demolished 2 houses belonging to Nidal Badawi and Kheiri Nofal, and demolished 2 storehouses belonging to Abdul Jabbar Kayid and Awad Abu Safad.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> The Israeli army opened fire at civilians in Dahiyat Rafeedya. 1 civilian was injured.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided the village of Deir Sharaf.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army, including 9 jeeps, indiscriminately opened fire at civilians while raiding the village of Kafr Qalil, disrupting classes and exams taking place in the village.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Injuries:</u></b> The Israeli army injured 7 civilians including 3 children in Balata refugee camp: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Muhammad Suleiman, 17 years old, shot in the left leg;</li> <li>(ii) Muhammad Ali Obeid, 14 years old, shot in the leg; and</li> <li>(iii) Hasan Khaled Abu Khalifa, 13 years old, shot in the leg.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 15-year-old Abdallah Muhammad Saif in Nablus city.</li> <li>• <b><u>School Disruption:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:10, the Israeli army raided the school of Al Tadamun Al Islamiya, evacuated exam halls, detained all the students at the school, confiscated their ID cards and arrested 1 student.</li> <li>(ii) Classes and exams are suspended in the eastern part of Nablus city, including Balata and 'Askar refugee camps, due to imposed curfews.</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> The Israeli army continues to seal off the town of Idhna, west of Hebron city.</li> <li>• <b><u>Checkpoints:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the road of Halhul/Nuba.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the road of Sa'ir/Bethlehem and Beit 'Anion/Road #60.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Destruction of Property:</u></b> The Israeli army leveled 10 <i>dunums</i> of agricultural land for the construction of a wall surrounding the settlement of Kiryat Arba and a settlement road.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Israeli bulldozers demolished an old building near the Ibrahim Mosque.</li> <li>(ii) Israeli bulldozers demolished a 150 m<sup>2</sup> house in the town of Sa'ir belonging to Ahmad Jaradat.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army opened fire and threw sound bombs from the settlement of Kiryat Arba towards civilian houses in the neighborhood of Wadi Al Nasara.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army opened fire and threw tear gas towards civilian houses in the neighborhoods of Abu Senena, Jabal Jowhar, Al Karantina, imposed curfew on the 3 neighborhoods and beat several students on their way to school.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Injuries:</u></b> The Israeli army injured 2 children on their way back from school in the old city of Hebron (H2) area. The children were beaten and had tear gas fired towards them.</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>
<b>QALQILYA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Separation Wall Gates:</u></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> <li>• <b><u>Injuries:</u></b> At 19:30, the Israeli army opened fire at Atif Al Sharif, a member of the Palestinian National Security, near the town of Habla, injuring him in his leg.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Bashar Muhammad Hasanein at the eastern entrance (DCO) of Qalqilya.</li> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Israeli army closed off the village of Kifl Haris preventing civilians from exiting the village.</li> <li>• <b><u>Separation Wall:</u></b> The Israeli army informed the owners of several stores located on the main road that their stores would be demolished for construction of the separation wall.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 08:00, the Israeli army, including 3 jeeps, raided the town of Jamma'in, searched several houses and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:30, and again at 21:00, the Israeli army raided the villages of Al Mazari', Khirbet Qeis, Farkha and the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(iii) At 00:15, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, opened intensive fire at civilians while they raided the village of Marda.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrol:</u></b> At 23:10, Israeli reconnaissance air craft patrolled the skies over the city of Salfit.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Death:</u></b> The second twin of Lamis Ibrahim, 26 years old, who gave birth to twin babies at the entrance of Deir Ballut after the Israeli army prevented the ambulance carrying her to pass, died today. The first baby died shortly after birth. Lamis Ibrahim is currently being treated for shock resulting from the death of her twins.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested 22-year-old Ghassan Khudeir in the town of Jamma'in.</li> <li>• <b><u>Settler Violence:</u></b> At 20:00, settlers from the settlement of Kfar Tapu'ach demolished a room housing power generators that provide electricity to the village of Yasuf.</li> </ul>
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### GAZA STRIP

<b>NORTHERN GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> The Erez crossing is partially open to workers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 12,770 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel.</li> <li>(ii) 3,876 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area.</li> <li>(iii) 350 workers entered the Erez Industrial Area to apply for magnetic IDs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> At 12:00, the Israeli army opened heavy fire from Point 34 towards civilian houses in the town of Beit Hanoun.</li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrol:</u></b> At 09:00, Israeli aircrafts patrolled the skies over the area of Beit Hanoun.</li> <li>• <b><u>Palestinian Attacks:</u></b> At 04:00, and again at 07:00, Palestinians fired 2 Qassam mortars from the area of Beit Lahia towards the Green Line.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.</li> </ul>
<b>CENTRAL GAZA</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activity not yet reported</li> </ul>
<b>KHAN YUNIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></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><u>Destruction of Property:</u></b> Israeli bulldozers leveled 30 dunums of olive groves near the junction of Abu al Ajin.</li> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> At 11:00, Israeli bulldozers demolished 2 houses belonging to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Bashir Al Sumeiri; and</li> <li>(ii) Muhammad Al Sumeiri.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**RAFAH**

- **Closure:** Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers. 288 merchants and 22 workers crossed the Green Line into Israel.
- **Incursion:** Israeli army forces remain positioned in Yebna refugee camp. The Israeli army fire and shelling killed 3 civilians, including 1 child, and injured 16 civilians, including 3 children, an infant, an elderly man and a Palestinian officer. The Israeli army withdrew at 07:00.
- **Deaths:** The Israeli army killed 3 civilians:
  - (i) Ala' Ata Bahlul, 13 years old;
  - (ii) Rami Al Haj Ahmad, 22 years old; and
  - (iii) Muhammad Kamil Mansur, 25 years old.
- **Arrests:**
  - (i) At 18:40, the Israeli army arrested Abdul Rahim Abu Mughesib as he was returning to the Gaza Strip through the Rafah crossing.
  - (ii) The Israeli army arrested Salah Abu Taha, who was traveling with his children Rubin and Ata, from Yabna refugee camp.
- **Injuries:** The Israeli army injured civilians in Yabna refugee camp including:
  - (i) Sharq Ghazi, a 9 months old infant;
  - (ii) Dina Abu Al Naja, 5 years old;
  - (iii) Nasir Fujju, 5 years old;
  - (iv) Hasan Zanun, 55 years old;
  - (v) Wafa' Ibrahim, 13 years old; and
  - (vi) Ala Al Arqan , a member of the Palestinian National Security.
- **Palestinian Attacks:** At 16:20, Palestinians fired 2 Qassam mortars towards the Green Line.