

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 25 December 2003 – 08:00 26 December 2003

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Assassinations	—	2	<b>2</b>	Missile from Israeli helicopter
Deaths	—	4	<b>4</b>	
Physical Assaults	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. 2 children
Injuries	1	16	<b>17</b>	Incl. 1 female
Incursion	1	—	<b>1</b>	Nablus
Attacks	4	6	<b>10</b>	Incl. on 2 military posts, Gaza
Raids	11	—	<b>11</b>	
Air Patrols	2	—	<b>2</b>	
Arrests (per person)	7	3	<b>10</b>	Incl. 1 sec., pol. & mil. officer
Detention	1	—	<b>1</b>	
House Demolition	1	—	<b>1</b>	
Land Leveling	1	1	<b>2</b>	
Uprooting of Trees	1	—	<b>1</b>	Military orders, Hebron
Destruction of Property	3	—	<b>3</b>	
Curfew	1	—	<b>1</b>	
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Flying Checkpoints	5	—	<b>5</b>	
Closures (per District)	5	—	<b>5</b>	
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
Religious Sites	1	—	<b>1</b>	
Palestinian Attack	1	—	<b>1</b>	Suicide Operation/Tel Aviv
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>84</b>	

DISTRICT	EVENT
----------	-------

## WEST BANK

JERUSALEM	<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 Al Tur, Al Shayyah, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, and Al Eizariya.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Destruction of Property:</b> At 10:50, the Israeli army destroyed 4 live stock farms belonging to a civilian from the town of Silwad, claiming that the farms were too close to the settlement of Ofra.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:15, and again at 23:00, the Israeli army, including 2 jeeps, raided the village of Kafr 'Ein.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Al Mazra'a ash Sharqiya, searched 1 civilian house and set up a checkpoint at the entrance of the village.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> The Israeli army detained hundreds of vehicles at Atara checkpoint (separating Ramallah city from its northern villages and from the district of Salfit) for several hours.</li> </ul>
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Separation Wall Gates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army prevented a cargo of wheat and animal feed from passing through the separation wall gate of Barta'a ash Sharqiya.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army prevented female civilians from crossing the Barta'a ash Sharqiya separation wall gate to return to their villages between 13:00 and 16:00, claiming that there was no Israeli female soldier to search females during that period of time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> The Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at Al Shuhada' junction at the southern entrance of the city. Civilians were told that the area was a closed military zone and that only holders of special Israeli permits were allowed to access the area.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 01:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad, searched several civilian houses and arrested 3 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians in the town of Ya'bad: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ali Asfur, 25 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Bassam Khatib, 30 years old; and</li> <li>(iii) Omar Abu Bakir, 30 years old.</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>Closure:</b> Despite Israeli announcements of lifting the closure on Bethlehem, the southern entrance (Al Nashash area) of the city remains closed, cutting Bethlehem off from Hebron district.</li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:15, the Israeli army opened fire at civilians in Al Khadr.</li> <li>(ii) At 10:40, and again at 11:00, the Israeli army opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards a Palestinian National Security checkpoint.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Physical Assault:</b> At 11:30, the Israeli army physically assaulted Hussein Ashraf Muhammad, 21 years old, in the town of Al Khadr. Hussein was transferred to hospital for medical treatment.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Separation Wall Gates:</b> At 09:30, the Israeli army closed Al Kafriyat gates, isolating the district of Qalqiliya from Tulkarem, and the Enav gate, isolating the district of Tulkarem from Nablus.</li> <li>• <b>Checkpoint:</b> At 13:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of the town of Beit Lid and checked civilian IDs.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 10:15, the Israeli army raided the village of Izbat Shufa, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles and checked passenger IDs.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 07:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:35, Israeli helicopters flying at low altitude patrolled the skies over the district of Tulkarem.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army set up 3 dirt barricades each measuring 3 m high at the eastern entrance of the city of Nablus, sealing off the area of Tel and forcing civilians to walk a distance of 4 kilometers to leave the village.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> The Israeli army demolished the house of Sa'ed Hannani, the man who carried out the attack in Tel Aviv, in Beit Furik.</li> <li>• <b>Incursion:</b> At 04:00, the Israeli army, including APCs and tanks, invaded the city of Nablus from all directions, searched civilian houses in the old city of Nablus, and arrested 1 civilian and 1 security officer.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army raided the town of 'Aqraba, searched a civilian house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(ii) At 04:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, imposed curfew and opened fire towards civilians. 1 civilian was injured.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attack /Religious Obstruction:</b> At 12:00, the Israeli army fired tear gas</li> </ul>

	<p>grenades at civilians praying inside Rafeedya mosque. A large number of civilians suffered from injuries due to tear gas inhalation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Injuries:</b> The Israeli army injured at least 5 civilians, including 2 children, in Nablus city.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 3 civilians: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Oday Abu Hadiya, arrested in the town of Aqraba;</li> <li>(ii) Lieutenant Ibrahim Yehya, 35 years old, arrested in Nablus; and</li> <li>(iii) Muhammad Al Musemi, arrested from Balata refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Palestinian Attack:</b> A Palestinian male, Sa'ed Hannani, 22 years old from Beit Fourik, conducted a suicide operation that claimed 3 lives in an attack at a bus stop in Tel Aviv.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HEBRON</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Land Leveling:</b> Israeli bulldozers continue to level agricultural land belonging to Palestinian civilians located between the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Harsina for construction of a wall enclosing the two settlements and a settler bypass road.</li> <li>• <b>Uprooting of Trees:</b> The Israeli authorities issued military orders to uproot hundreds of trees near the junction of Idhna/Tarqumiya.</li> <li>• <b>Physical Assault:</b> Israeli soldiers severely beat 2 children for walking near a Israeli military post west of the town of Dura.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>QALQILYA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> At 14:30, the Israeli army closed the eastern entrance, the only entrance to the city, for 2 hours.</li> <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> <li>• <b>Demolition Orders:</b> The Israeli army warned several civilians in the village of 'Azzun 'Atma (located behind the separation wall) that 10 houses and store houses will be demolished soon.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 07:20, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, raided the villages of Qarawat Bani Zeid and Farkha and the city of Salfit.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:30, Israeli Special Forces raided the town of Deir Istiya, set up a checkpoint, searched civilian vehicles and checked passenger IDs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 21:30, the Israeli army arrested Rizqallah Sawarka, a member of the Palestinian National Security and a resident of the village of Marj Na'ja. Sawarka was arrested near the settlement of Ariel.</li> </ul>

## GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Erez crossing is partially open to workers:</li> </ul>
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed.</li> <li>• <b>Assassinations:</b> At 11:00, Israeli helicopters fired 2 missiles at a civilian vehicle in Gaza city, killing Muqallad Hamid and Nabil Al Shreih. 3 bystanders were also killed and 12 civilians injured in the attack. The 3 bystanders killed were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Sa'id Abu Rakab;</li> <li>(ii) Wa'il Al Daqran; and</li> <li>(iii) Ashraf Radwan.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Land Leveling:</b> At 11:00, Israeli bulldozers, accompanied by tanks, leveled agricultural land near the settlement of Kfar Daroom and opened fire at civilians, injuring 1 female.</li> <li>• <b>Injury:</b> The Israeli army injured Dua' Abu Mansi.</li> </ul>
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</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 is partially opened.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:55, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 12 and fired 2 shells towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighborhood.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:50, the Israeli army opened fire at Al Nimsawi neighborhood.</li> <li>(iii) At 22:30, the Israeli army opened fire from its location at Point 11 towards civilian houses in the western refugee camp.</li> <li>(iv) At 22:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 11 and 12 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighborhood, injuring 1 civilian.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> At 22:30, the Israeli army arrested 3 civilians north of the settlement of Kissufim, including 1 police officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Ahmad Abu Mughesib, 22 years old;</li> <li>(ii) Khalid Abu Mughesib, 26-year-old police officer; and</li> <li>(iii) Yusif Abu Mughesib, 33 years old.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
RAFAH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 22:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 5 towards civilian houses in Al Salam neighborhood, killing 1 civilian.</li> <li>• <b>Killing:</b> The Israeli army killed Adnan Abu Juwe'id in Al Salam neighborhood.</li> </ul>