

مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 27 December 2003 – 08:00 28 December 2003

SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Deaths	1	—	1	17 year old child
Injuries	25	1	26	Incl. 17 children
Physical Assaults	8	—	8	Incl. 3 children
Attacks	6	8	14	
Raids	18	1	19	Incl. Nablus & Beit Furik
Air Patrol	1	—	1	
Arrests (per person)	11	—	11	Incl. 3 children
Detentions	7	—	7	Incl. 100s of civil. at chkpnt.
Land Leveling	1	1	2	Construct. of East. Sep. Wall
House Demolition	1	—	1	
Curfew	1	—	1	
Checkpoints	All	—	All	
Flying Checkpoints	15	—	15	
Closures (per District)	5	—	5	Incl. 3 areas
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	450 teach. unable to reach sch.
Settlement Activity	2	—	2	
Settler Violence	1	—	1	
Demonstrations	2	—	2	Against separation wall
TOTAL	107	13	120	

DISTRICT	EVENT
WEST BANK	
JERUSALEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The city of Jerusalem remains closed to residents from other districts. The Israeli army continues to impose a strict closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip. • Separation Wall Construction: Construction of the wall in Al Tur, Al Shayyah, Abu Dis, Al Sawahira, and Al Eizariya was resumed. • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian in the town of Ar Ram: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Fayiz Mukhu, 40 years old. The Israeli army arrested 7 Al Quds University students. One of the students was identified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) Jihad Shalalda.
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Checkpoints: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of 'Ein 'Arik, searched vehicles and checked passenger IDs. (ii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Surda road, searched vehicles and checked passenger IDs. (iii) At 09:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on 'Atara Bridge, searched vehicles and checked passenger IDs. (iv) At 12:45, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the junction of Deir Ghassana/Beit Rima, forced civilians out of their vehicles and searched passing civilians. • Attack: At 03:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards civilian houses in the neighborhood of Samir Amis, south of El Bireh city. • Raids: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 12:00, and again at 12:45, 20:35 and 22:40, an Israeli jeep raided the village of Kafr 'Ein. (ii) At 12:00, an Israeli jeep raided the town of Beit Rima. (iii) At 20:00, the Israeli army, including 4 jeeps, raided the town of Beit Rima.
JENIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation Wall Gates: The village of Barta'a, located behind the separation wall, remains under strict closure. Doctors, basic food supplies and milk have not been allowed into the village. Schools are closed because teachers have been unable to reach the village.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> The Israeli army set up a 3 flying checkpoints at the entrances of the villages of Bir Al Basha, 'Anza and the town of Jaba'. • <u>Land Leveling/Eastern Separation Wall Construction:</u> Israeli bulldozers are leveling land east of the village of Al Mutilla in preparation for construction of the separation wall. • <u>School Disruption:</u> The Israeli army closed the high school in the town of Silat al Dhaher after raiding the school.
JERICHO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activity not yet reported
BETHLEHEM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The northern and southern entrances of the city remain closed, cutting Bethlehem off from the Jerusalem district in the north and the Hebron district in the south. (ii) The Israeli army sealed off Al Reef ash Sharqi, an area housing 20,000 civilians, after closing the main entrance to Bethlehem. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> At 05:00, Israeli soldiers physically attacked 3 workers, who later hospitalized for treatment of injuries. The workers are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Ziyad Al Badawi; (ii) Maher Khadir; and (iii) Anwar Izzat. • <u>Arrest:</u> The Israeli army arrested Muhammad Khalil Afafna, a child and a resident of Ayda refugee camp. • <u>Demonstration:</u> At 12:10, a peaceful protest march including foreign peace activists began from Manger Square towards Rachel's Tomb in protest against construction of the separation wall.
TULKAREM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Separation Wall Gates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Al Kafriyat gate remains closed, isolating the district of Qalqiliya from Tulkarem. (ii) At 08:20, the Israeli army closed the Enav gate, separating the Tulkarem district from Nablus. • <u>Flying Checkpoints:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Baqa ash Sharqiya and Nazlat Isa (located behind the separation wall), assaulted passing civilians and prevented civilians from crossing into the city. (ii) At 08:35, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the Deir Ghusun/Attil road and detained civilians. (iii) At 08:40, and again at 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Al Jarushiya village and detained civilians.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) At 08:50, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks, set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Bal'a village and prevented civilians from crossing the checkpoint. (v) At 15:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance of Dahiyat Shuweika. (vi) At 20:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road of Kafr al Labad/ Dhinnaba and detained civilians. • <u>Raids:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Izbat Shufa. (ii) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided Nur Shams refugee camp, provoked civilians into confrontations with the Israeli army, opened fire at civilians and threw sound grenades. (iii) At 14:00, the Israeli army again raided Nur Shams refugee camp and detained and interrogated 3 civilians. (iv) At 19:50, and again at 20:00, the Israeli army raided Tulkarem refugee camp, opened fire and fired tear gas grenades towards civilians. • <u>Air Patrol:</u> At 08:20, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Tulkarem city.
NABLUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Nablus remains a closed military area. • <u>House Demolition:</u> Israeli authorities demolished the house of Hashim Abu Hamdan in Balata refugee camp. • <u>Incursion:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Israeli army remains positioned throughout the city since the incursion on 26 December 2003. (ii) The Israeli army, positioned throughout the town of Beit Furik since yesterday, opened fire towards civilians, injuring 2 children. • <u>Attack:</u> At 20:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians, injuring 22 civilians, including 14 children. • <u>Raid:</u> The Israeli army raided the village of Zawata, imposed curfew and arrested 2 children. • <u>Physical Assault:</u> The Israeli army severely beat 5 civilians, including 3 children. The 3 children are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Muhammad Abu Al Hol, 11 years old, severe bruising; (ii) Mustafa Farah, 17 years old, severe bruising; and (iii) Aziz Farid, 17 years old, broken leg. • <u>Death:</u> At 12:40, the Israeli army opened fire towards civilians in Nablus city killing 17-year-old Raja'i Zidan. • <u>Injuries:</u> The Israeli army injured 22 civilians, including 14 children: Injured by shrapnel and/or live fire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Tariq Walid, 13 year old, injured in the abdomen; (ii) Ahmad Iyad, 17 years old, injured in the chest; (iii) Hikmat al Anabtawi, 11 years old, injured in the abdomen; (iv) Islam Al Qowni, 17 years old, injured in the leg;

	<p>(v) Ahmad Madbuh, 17 years old, injured in the chest; and (vi) Abdallah Misbah, 9 years old, injured in the head. Injured by rubber coated steel bullets: (vii) Muhammad Al Hinn, 16 years old, injured in the thigh; (viii) Imad Ghazal, 16 years old, injured in the leg; (ix) Ra'ed Khatib, 17 years old, injured in the leg; (x) Ayyam Al Khafsh, 17 years old, injured in the leg; (xi) Hisham Abu Zant, 17 years old, injured in the leg; and (xii) Tha'er Al Zagher, 17 years old, injured in the head and shoulder. Tear gas inhalation: (xiii) Muhammad Obeid, 13 years old; and (xiv) May Obeid, 15 years old. The Israeli army injured 2 civilians in the town of Beit Furik: (xv) Mustafa Nasasra, 17 years old; and (xvi) Ratib Hasan, 17 years old.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrests: The Israeli army arrested 2 children the village of Zawata: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Mahmoud Zawatiya, 16 years old; and (ii) Mahmoud abu 'Amsha, 15 years old. • School Disruption: Classes at a girl's school in Nablus were suspended because of the strict closure imposed on the city. 425 teachers were not able to enter Nablus to reach their schools.
<p style="text-align: center;">HEBRON</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure: The Israeli army continues to close the entrances of the villages of Idhna and Tarqumiya with dirt barricades. • Settler Violence: A group of settlers attacked 2 civilians in the old city of Hebron and detained them for 4 hours. • Settlement Activity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Israeli settlers rebuilt the settlement outpost of Have Ma'on, located south of Ma'on settlement. Israeli authorities had previously announced that the outpost had been evacuated. (ii) Israeli settlers added 3 caravans to the settlement outpost of Evangel, south east of Yatta.
<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. • Demonstration: At 11:10, over 11,000 civilians participated in a demonstration in protest against construction of the separation wall. The Israeli army threw sound grenades and tear gas towards protesters. The demonstration ended at 13:00.

SALFIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Flying Checkpoint:</u> At 19:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the road between Al Zawiya village and the village of Mas-ha, obstructing movement of vehicles. • <u>Raid:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) At 23:30, the Israeli army raided the city of Salfit and withdrew at 05:00. (ii) At 14:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Jamma'in and opened fire towards civilians, injuring 1 child. • <u>Injury:</u> The Israeli army injured 13-year-old Tariq Walid Al Khawaja, who was shot in the waist and the leg. • <u>Detention:</u> At 20:35, the Israeli army detained over 60 civilians at the Deir Ballut checkpoint for over 2 hours. • <u>School Disruption:</u> Classes at schools in Qarawat Bani Hassan, Bidya, Sarta, Mas-ha, Al Zawiya, Rafat, and Deir Ballut were suspended because teachers were unable to reach their schools due to the closure of the main entrance of the town of Al Zawiya.
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GAZA STRIP

NORTHERN GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> The Erez crossing is partially open to workers. • <u>Attack:</u> At 16:40, the Israeli army opened fire towards the town of Beit Hanoun.
GAZA CITY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Shuhada' junction (Nitsareem) remains closed. • <u>Attack:</u> At 04:55, and again at 06:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards Palestinian territory.
CENTRAL GAZA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Land Leveling:</u> At 11:10, Israeli bulldozers leveled 50 <i>dunums</i> (12.5 acres) of olive groves located east of Al Bureij refugee camp, 150 meters into Palestinian territory. • <u>Attack:</u> At 12:05, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards civilian houses in Deir Al Balah, injuring 1 civilian. • <u>Raid:</u> At 12:10, the Israeli army raided the area of Al Baraka near the city of Deir Al Balah, 100 meters into Palestinian territory.
KHAN YUNIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</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 is partially opened.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Attacks:</u> (i) At 12:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 9 and 10 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighborhood. (ii) At 12:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 165 towards Palestinian territory east of Abasan al Saghira. (iii) At 17:20, the Israeli army opened fire from Point 10 and 11 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighborhood and the western refugee camp.
<p>RAFAH</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Closure:</u> Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers. .