

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 29 December 2003 – 08:00 30 December 2003

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Physical Assaults	2	—	<b>2</b>	Incl. 8 mos. pregnant woman
Attacks	6	8	<b>14</b>	
Raids	21	1	<b>22</b>	Incl. cont. occup. of Nablus
Air Patrols	2	2	<b>4</b>	
Arrests (per person)	14	4	<b>18</b>	Incl. 4 children
Detentions	3	—	<b>3</b>	At checkpoints & during raids
Land Leveling	1	3	<b>4</b>	
Separation Wall Construct.	2	—	<b>2</b>	Jerusalem & Jordan Valley
House Demolitions	1	2	<b>3</b>	
Destruction of Property	4	1	<b>5</b>	Incl. barns, furniture & car
House Occupations	2	—	<b>2</b>	Converted to military outposts
Curfews	3	—	<b>3</b>	
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Closures (per District)	10	—	<b>10</b>	Incl. 3 areas of 10s of villages
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	—	2	<b>2</b>	1 Partially open to workers
School Disruption	Many	—	<b>Many</b>	Due to strict closures
Settlement Activity	1	1	<b>2</b>	
Settler Violence	1	—	<b>1</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>97</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. The Israeli army continues to impose a strict closure on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.</li> <li>• <b>Separation Wall Construction:</b> Construction of the separation wall continues in Al Shayyah, Abu Dis, and Al Sawahira.</li> </ul>
<b>RAMALLAH &amp; EL BIREH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> The Israeli army demolished a house and storehouse belonging to Mahmoud Zawahra.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 21:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the area of Qalandiya airport towards civilian houses near El Bireh city.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein, searched the house of Mahmoud Al Rifa'i and physically assaulted his wife, Amal Al Rifa'i, who is 8 months pregnant. She was later hospitalized.</li> <li>(ii) At 11:15, and again at 12:40, several Israeli jeeps raided the cities of Ramallah and El Bireh.</li> <li>(iii) At 11:30, Israeli jeeps raided the towns of Deir Ghassana, Beit Rima and the village of Kafr 'Ein.</li> <li>(iv) At 18:15, and again at 02:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Deir Ghassana.</li> <li>(v) At 19:10, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Rima and fired sound bombs.</li> <li>(vi) The Israeli army raided the town of Silwad, demolished 1 house and 1 livestock barn.</li> <li>(vii) The Israeli army raided the village of Kafr Malik and imposed curfew.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settlement Activity:</b> The Israeli authorities continue to fence the parameters of the settlement of Hallamish. The fence cuts into land belonging to residents of the neighboring village of Deir Nidham.</li> </ul>
<b>JENIN</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The city of Jenin remains a closed military area.</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> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Separation Wall Construction:</u></b> The Israeli army continues leveling land north of the village of Bardala in preparation for construction of the eastern section of the separation wall.</li> <li>• <b><u>School Disruption:</u></b> The strict Israeli closure imposed on the city of Jenin prevented students from reaching their schools in Arrana, Al Jalama, and Barta' ash Sharqiya, disrupting classes and exams.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raids:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Jaba', searched several houses and arrested 2 civilians.</li> <li>(ii) At 2:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Tubas, searched 1 house and arrested 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 03:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Al Yamun, searched 1 house and arrested 5 civilians, including 1 child.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from the village of Jaba':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Sa'ed Alawna, 25 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Bilal Fakhuri 20 years old.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian from the town of Tubas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Saner Sawafta, 27 years old.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 5 civilians from the town of Al Yamun:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iv) Amjad Abahra, 31 years old;</li> <li>(v) Maher Abahra, 40 years old;</li> <li>(vi) Marwan Abahra, 34 years old;</li> <li>(vii) Taher Abahra, 42 years old; and</li> <li>(viii) Fadi Abahra, 17 year 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><u>Closure:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The northern and southern entrances of the city remain closed, cutting Bethlehem off from the Hebron district in the south and from its southern villages.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to seal off Al Reef ash Sharqi, an area housing 20,000 civilians, after closing the main entrance to Bethlehem.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 10:30, the Israeli army opened fire towards school students in the town Al Khadr.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:20, the Israeli army fired tear gas towards civilians at the entrance of Ayda refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 07:50, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the area of Al Rashayda, southeast Bethlehem, searched several houses and detained</li> </ul>

	civilians outside in the cold.
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Israeli army closed the Enav and Al Kafriyat separation wall gates, isolating Tulkarem from the districts of Qalqiliya and Nablus.</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>Raids:</b> At 11:35, and again at 18:30, the Israeli army raided the city, closed all main streets, opened fire and raided an elementary school.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> Israeli reconnaissance aircraft continue to patrol the skies over Tulkarem city since early this morning.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Nablus remains a closed military area.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army sealed off the towns of Huwwara and Beit Furik and the villages of Beit Iba, Sarra and Till.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Incursion:</b> After partially withdrawing yesterday, the Israeli army reoccupied the city of Nablus and its refugee camps, imposed curfew over its western neighborhoods, used explosives to break through several houses in the old city, searched houses, arrested 2 civilians, including 1 child, occupied a male student dormitory and converted it into a military post after evacuating and arresting all students in the dormitory, and continue to detain women and children outside as of 08:00 this morning.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 09:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, imposed curfew, opened intensive fire near a school, evacuated students from the school, searched the houses of 2 martyrs from Al Hannani family, destroyed furniture and personal property in the houses and severely beat the occupants of the house.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army raided the village of Burqa, searched 2 houses and arrested 2 civilians.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from Nablus city:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Mahmoud Al Zakari, 16 years old; and</li> <li>(ii) Ala Abu al Reesh, from 'Ein Beit Ma' refugee camp.</li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from the village of Burqa:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(iii) Mahmoud Salah, 20 years old; and</li> <li>(iv) Tamer Dighlis, 18 year old.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Destruction of Property:</b> The Israeli army destroyed using explosives a vehicle belonging to Basil Hannani in the town of Beit Furik.</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 land belonging to Palestinian civilians near the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Harsina in order to expand and build a wall around the two settlements.</li> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> The Israeli army raided the village of Al Tabaqa, searched several houses and arrested 2 brothers.</li> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 2 brothers from Al Tabaqa village: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Fu'ad Al Hureibat, 23 years old; and his brother</li> <li>(ii) Muhammad Al Hureibat, 17 year old.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Settler Violence:</b> Israeli settlers severely beat Samir Issa Hunehin in the old city of Hebron.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><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> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 19:30, the Israeli army raided the village of Jit and imposed curfew.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SALFIT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Raid:</b> At 00:50, the Israeli army, including 5 jeeps, raided the city of Salfit, took position in the eastern neighborhood and remained there for 5 hours.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 17:00, Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies over Salfit city.</li> <li>• <b>Detention:</b> At 20:00, the Israeli army closed Al Zawiya bridge and detained dozens of civilians. The civilians were released and allowed to return to their villages at 22:00 after interventions from the US consulate.</li> </ul>

### GAZA STRIP

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTHERN GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> The Erez crossing is partially open to workers.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> At 10:35, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 34 to the east of the town of Beit Hanoun.</li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 12:45, Israeli military aircraft patrolled the skies over the district.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GAZA CITY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Al Shuhada' junction remains closed.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>House Demolitions:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army demolished a house east of the city of Deir Balah.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army demolished a small house near Kfar Daroom.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Land Leveling/Attack:</u></b> At 16:15, Israeli bulldozers, supported by 1 tank, leveled lands near the settlement of Kfar Daroom in preparation for expansion north of the settlement, demolished a small house and opened intensive fire towards nearby houses.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<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 is partially opened.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b><u>Land Leveling:</u></b> At 11:30, Israeli bulldozers leveled land 10 meters into Palestinian territory near Al Amal neighborhood.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attacks:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 9, 10, and 12 towards civilian houses in the neighborhoods of Al Amal and Al Namsawi and West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</li> <li>(ii) At 15:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 8, 9,10,11 and12 towards civilian houses in the neighborhoods of Al Amal and Al Namsawi and West Khan Yunis refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers.</li> <li>• <b><u>Land Leveling/Destruction of Property:</u></b> The Israeli army leveled land near the village of Oraybe and demolished 2 green houses.</li> <li>• <b><u>Raid:</u></b> At 04:00, the Israeli army, including several tanks and helicopters, raided the area of Al Shoka near the Rafah border and arrested 4 civilians.</li> <li>• <b><u>Air Patrol:</u></b> At 03:15, Israeli aircraft patrolled the skies over the district.</li> <li>• <b><u>Arrests:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested in Al Shoka: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Fathi Abu Jarrad;</li> <li>(ii) Iyadi Abu Jarrad;</li> <li>(iii) Sa'id Abu Shuluf; and</li> <li>(iv) Mustafa Abu Shuluf.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>