

## مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

## DAILY SITUATION REPORT

08:00 30 December 2003 – 08:00 31 December 2003

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Death	—	1	<b>1</b>	
Injuries	48	17	<b>65</b>	Incl. 2 children, 1 critical
Physical Assaults	3	—	<b>3</b>	Incl. 1 10 year old child
Attacks	10	16	<b>26</b>	
Raids	12	1	<b>13</b>	Incl. cont. occup. of Nablus
Air Patrols	3	—	<b>3</b>	
Arrests (per person)	40	—	<b>40</b>	Incl. 3 Isr., 4 Intern., 7 officers
Land Leveling	1	2	<b>3</b>	
Separation Wall Construct.	4	—	<b>4</b>	Jer., Ramallah, Salfit & Jenin
House Demolitions	—	1	<b>1</b>	
Destruction of Property	2	1	<b>3</b>	Incl. destruction of car
House Occupations	5	—	<b>5</b>	Converted to mil. post-Nablus
Curfews	2	—	<b>2</b>	
Checkpoints	All	—	<b>All</b>	
Closures (per District)	4	—	<b>4</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	—	<b>1</b>	
Demonstration	1	—	<b>1</b>	Against separation wall
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>177</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>Separation Wall Construction:</b> The Israeli army declared the area between Ni'lin and Budrus a closed military zone, imposed curfew over villages near the village of Raba, and leveled land and uprooted trees in the area in preparation for construction of the western portion of the separation wall.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> The Israeli army, positioned at a checkpoint near the town of Ni'lin, opened fire towards students and civilians trying to cross the checkpoint, injuring 5 civilians.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 17:00, the Israeli army raided the village of Kafr 'Ein.</li> <li>(ii) At 02:50, the Israeli army, including 8 jeeps, again raided Kafr 'Ein.</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> <li>• <b>Demonstration:</b> Civilians from the village of Budrus defied an Israeli imposed curfew and held a demonstration with Israeli and international peace activists in an attempt to stop leveling of their land. The Israeli army fired towards the demonstration, injured 40 civilians, and arrested 7 protestors, including 3 Israelis and 4 Internationals.</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 Construction:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The Israeli army continues to level land north of the village of Bardala in preparation for construction of the eastern portion of the separation wall.</li> <li>(ii) The Israeli army sealed off pasturelands near the village of Arraba, leveled land and destroyed water cisterns.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 15:15, the Israeli army, including 12 jeeps, raided the village of Jaba', imposed curfew, opened intensive fire, injured 1 civilian and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>arrested 25 civilians, including 5 members of Palestinian security agencies, before withdrawing at 17:00.</p> <p>(ii) At 02:00, the Israeli army raided the town of Silat al Dhaher, searched several houses and arrested 4 civilians before withdrawing at 17:00.</p> <p>(iii) At 02:30, the Israeli army raided the town of Ya'bad, searched 2 houses and arrested 2 Palestinian officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arrests:</b> The Israeli army arrested 25 civilians from the village of Jaba', including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Jawad Ghannam, Palestinian National Security officer;</li> <li>(ii) Kamal 'Alawna, Palestinian National Security officer;</li> <li>(iii) Wa'el Alawna, 35 years old, Palestinian General Intelligence officer;</li> <li>(iv) Mu'ayad Hamada, 22 years old;</li> <li>(v) Shahir Abu Own, 26 years old;</li> <li>(vi) RAbee' Fashafsha, 25 years old;</li> <li>(vii) Mu'tasim Abu Own, a college student;</li> <li>(viii) Jawad Salama;</li> <li>(ix) Samih Fashafsha;</li> <li>(x) Fu'ad Hamamda;</li> <li>(xi) Sa'ed Salama;</li> <li>(xii) Bilal Fakhouri;</li> <li>(xiii) Yusif Alawna;</li> <li>(xiv) Muhammad Lutfi Abu Own;</li> <li>(xv) Ali Malaysha;</li> <li>(xvi) Murad Fakhouri;</li> <li>(xvii) Bakir Ghannam; and</li> <li>(xviii) Sa'd Alawna.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Israeli army arrested 4 civilians from the town of Silat al Dhaher:</p> <p>(xix) Ghassan Mas'ad, 25 years old;</p> <p>(xx) Hatim Abu Diyak, 22 years old;</p> <p>(xxi) Muhammad Zubeidi, 23 years old; and</p> <p>(xxii) Samid Nassar, 22 years old.</p> <p>The Israeli army arrested 2 civilians from the town of Ya'bad:</p> <p>(xxiii) Ammar Abu Bakir, 25 years old; and</p> <p>(xxiv) Amjad Abu Bakir, 24 years old.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>School Disruption:</b> The strict Israeli imposed closure on the city of Jenin prevented students from reaching their schools in Arrana, Al Jalama, and Barta'a ash Sharqiya, disrupting classes and exams.</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> The northern and southern entrances of the city remain closed, cutting Bethlehem off from the Hebron district in the south and from its</li> </ul>

	<p>southern villages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 20:15, the Israeli army opened indiscriminate fire towards the Orthodox Club in Beit Jala.</li> <li>(ii) At 01:00, the Israeli army opened fire from the settlement of Gillo towards civilian houses in 'Ayda refugee camp.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> At 01:30, Israeli aircraft patrolled the skies over the area of Al Shawawra, southeast Bethlehem.</li> <li>• <b>Arrest:</b> At 12:35, the Israeli army arrested Abdul Qadir Abu Hammad, a 23-year-old college student, while on his way to Abu Dis University.</li> </ul>
<b>TULKAREM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> At 08:30, the Israeli army allowed people to cross by foot through the Enav and Al Kafriyat separation wall gates, which separate 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>Attack:</b> At 17:00, the Israeli army opened fire towards the northern entrance of Tulkarem refugee camp, seriously injuring 1 child.</li> <li>• <b>Raids:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:10, and again at 16:25 and 18:25, the Israeli army raided the city and opened fire towards a civilian vehicle.</li> <li>(ii) At 19:45, the Israeli army, including 3 tanks, raided Tulkarem refugee camp and opened fire towards civilians. Israeli forces withdrew from the area at 04:00.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Air Patrol:</b> Israeli reconnaissance aircraft patrolled the skies at low altitude over Tulkarem city since early this morning.</li> <li>• <b>Injury:</b> The Israeli army shot 15-year-old Arif Qa'dan in the lower back.</li> <li>• <b>School Disruption:</b> The strict closure imposed by the Israeli army has prevented students from reaching their schools and is negatively impacting the living conditions and education process of communities located behind the separation wall.</li> </ul>
<b>NABLUS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Nablus remains a closed military area.</li> <li>• <b>Incursion:</b> The Israeli army continues to occupy the city of Nablus and its refugee camps, imposing curfew over its western neighborhoods, and searching houses. The Israeli army arrested 1 civilian, severely beat 3 civilians, including 10-year-old Mutaz Hassan, and continues to occupy 5 buildings that have been converted into military posts.</li> <li>• <b>Raid/Destruction of Property:</b> At 16:15, the Israeli army raided the town of Beit Furik, imposed curfew, and opened intensive fire towards vehicles</li> </ul>

	<p>and houses, causing substantial damage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Arrest:</u></b> The Israeli army arrested Subhi Al Ashqar from Nablus city.</li> <li>• <b><u>School Disruption:</u></b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Due to the Israeli incursion and curfew imposed on the western part of the city, 1,433 students were unable to attend school.</li> <li>(ii) 450 teachers were unable to reach schools located in neighboring villages.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>HEBRON</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Land Leveling:</u></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><u>School Disruption:</u></b> The Israeli army closed Al Fawwar road in south Hebron, preventing 117 teachers from reaching schools in Yatta, Al Samoa', and Al Rihya, disrupting classes and examinations.</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> </ul>
<b>SALFIT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>School Disruption:</u></b> The Israeli army closed the checkpoint near the town of Al Zawiya, preventing 12 teachers from reaching schools in nearby villages, disrupting classes and examinations.</li> </ul>

### 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.</li> </ul>
<b>GAZA CITY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><u>Closure:</u></b> Al Shuhada' junction remains closed.</li> <li>• <b><u>Land Leveling:</u></b> At 15:00, Israeli bulldozers, supported by 1 tank, leveled lands near the settlement of Nitsareem.</li> <li>• <b><u>Air Raid:</u></b> At 19:00, Israeli aircraft targeted and fired missiles at a civilian vehicle in the center of Gaza city. 15 bystanders were injured, including 2 who are in critical condition.</li> <li>• <b><u>Attack:</u></b> At 15:45, an Israeli tank opened intensive fire from its position near the settlement of Nitsareem towards the north and west.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CENTRAL GAZA</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 16:20, and again at 00:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Kfar Daroom towards the north and west. 2 civilians, including 1 girl, were injured.</li> <li>(ii) At 18:45, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards a Palestinian National Security post near Deir al Balah.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Injury:</b> The Israeli army injured 16-year-old Asma' Abdul 'Al.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>KHAN YUNIS</b></p>	<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>Land Leveling:</b> At 15:50, the Israeli army leveled land 150 meters into Palestinian territory north east of Al Matahin.</li> <li>• <b>House Demolition:</b> At 08:20, the Israeli army demolished the house of Majid Abu Odeh in the western neighborhood near Point 9.</li> <li>• <b>Attacks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 11 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighborhood.</li> <li>(ii) At 12:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire towards the area of Qizan al Najjar, killing 1 civilian.</li> <li>(iii) At 20:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Points 9 and 10 towards civilian houses in Al Amal neighborhood.</li> <li>(iv) At 03:30, the Israeli army opened fire from Points 4 and 5 towards civilian houses in the western neighborhood.</li> <li>(v) At 07:30, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Point 8 towards civilian houses in Al Nimsawi neighborhood.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Killing:</b> The Israeli army shot dead Fadil Al Najjar, 22 years old.</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RAFAH</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closure:</b> Sufa crossing remains partially open to merchants and workers.</li> <li>• <b>Attack:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) At 11:10, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from the settlement of Morag towards the north and east.</li> <li>(ii) At 20:15, the Israeli army opened intensive fire from Sufa crossing towards a Palestinian National Security position near the crossing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>