# مجموعة الرقابة الفلسطينية



## PALESTINIAN MONITORING GROUP

# **DAILY SITUATION REPORT**

08:00 04 February 2011 – 08:00 05 February 2011

## **SUMMARY OF EVENTS**

EVENT	WEST BANK	GAZA STRIP	TOTAL	NOTES
Injury	1	_	1	A journalist in Bil'in village, Ramallah
Attacks	5	1	6	1 in a raid and 5 during confrontations
Raids	5	1	6	Incl. 1 in Ramallah and 2 in Jenin
Air Patrol		1	1	Reconnaissance aircraft, Khan Yunis
Arrests (per person)	3	_	3	Incl. a civilian and his son in Salfit
Detentions	12	_	12	Incl. a Jordanian delegation
Land Levelling	_	1	1	In Khan Yunis
Wall Construction	13	_	13	Incl. in Jerusalem, Qalqiliya, & Hebron
House Occupation	1	_	1	Converted into a mil. post in Ramallah
Closure of Checkpoints	9	_	9	Incl. access impeded at 6 checkpoints
Flying Checkpoints	19	_	19	Incl. 3 in Jerusalem and 2 in Ramallah
Closure (per District)	7	_	7	Incl. Jerusalem & 4 areas in Hebron
Closure of Main Roads	45	_	45	Incl. 4 in Ramallah and 3 in Tulkarem
Closure of Crossing Points	_	6	6	Beit Hanun Crossing partially open
Demonstrations	6	_	6	Incl. against Wall & settlement activity
TOTAL	126	10	136	

DISTRICT EVENTS

#### **WEST BANK**

#### • Closure:

- (i) On 04 February 2011, the Israeli army intensified restrictions at checkpoints located at the entrances to Jerusalem city, set up many flying checkpoints in the old city of Jerusalem and around Al Aqsa Mosque compound, and denied access to civilians from other districts to perform Friday prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. The Israeli army also prevented civilians under 50 years of age from accessing Al Aqsa Mosque compound, forcing them to perform Friday prayers under the rain on streets and near checkpoints set up at the entrances to the old city of Jerusalem.
- (ii) On 05 January 2009, the Israeli authorities issued Military Order # S/02/09 on the closure of the "demarcation area" along the Wall in the area surrounding Jerusalem city. Access would be restricted to residents of the area as well as to civilians holding permits through crossings and gates defined in the military order.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to impose a blockade and deny civilian access to a hill between Biddu and Beit Iksa villages.

#### • Closure of Main Roads:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks and dirt barricades the entrance to the village of Jaba'.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to close the iron gate along the Wall section, separating the area of Dahiyat al Bareed from the town of Ar Ram.
- (iii) The Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to Beit Iksa village and force civilians to access Jerusalem city through Oalandiya checkpoint.
- <u>Checkpoint</u>: The Israeli authorities continue to consider Qalandiya checkpoint a "border crossing point" and designates a special crossing lane for holders of Jerusalem IDs and those possessing permits to access Jerusalem city.
- <u>Arrest</u>: On 04 February 2011, the Israeli army arrested Bassam Idris, after raiding his house in Ath Thuri neighbourhood in Jerusalem city.
- <u>Demonstration</u>: At 12:30, civilians performed Friday prayers in the sit-in tent erected in Silwan neighbourhood in Jerusalem city in protest against the seizure of civilian homes for the benefit of Jewish settlement associations. Participants also protested against the eviction of civilian homes for construction of settlement projects. After the prayers, confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.

#### • Wall Gates:

(i) The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks the Wall gate in Abu Dis town.

#### **JERUSALEM**

	<ul> <li>(ii) The Israeli army continues to deny civilian access through the Wall gate on Ash Shayyah road in the area between As Sawahira ash Sharqiya and As Sawahira al Gharbiya villages, only allowing civilians holding Jerusalem IDs to cross, after subjecting them to thorough searches using electronic devices.</li> <li>• Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Qalandiya village; south of Az Za'ayyem village; and in Wadi al 'Eizariya west of Ma'ale Adumim settlement.</li> </ul>
RAMALLAH & EL BIREH	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close the entrances to Sinjil town and Saffa village as well as the junction to Kafr Malik and 'Ein Samiya villages.</li> <li>Although it removed the dirt barricade, the Israeli army continues to close with an iron gate the eastern entrance to An Nabi Salih village.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 09:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to An Nabi Salih village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 12:15, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between An Nabi Salih and Kafr 'Ein villages and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Demonstrations/Attacks/Injuries/House Occupation:</li> <li>At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international and Israeli peace activists, took place in Bil'in village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which the Israeli army injured Haytham al Khatib, a journalist. A number of participants also sustained wounds as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>At 13:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Ni'lin town in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which a number of participants were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation.</li> <li>At 14:00, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in An Nabi Salih village in protest against Israeli settler violence and confiscation of civilian land for expansion of Halamish settlement. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during a number of civilians were wounded as a result of tear gas inhalation. In addition to searching two houses, Israeli troops occupied and converted into a military post the roof of a house belonging to Yasser at Tamimi.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area west of 'Abud town in the area surrounding 'Of</li></ol></li></ol></li></ul>
JENIN	Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road leading to the town of 'Arraba east of Dotan settlement.

	<ul> <li>Raids:         <ul> <li>(i) At 15:30, the Israeli army raided Al 'Araqa village and patrolled the area until 17:00.</li> <li>(ii) At 22:25, the Israeli army raided and patrolled Beit Qad village.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the Wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits, which affects the educational and health conditions of civilians living behind the Wall.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Checkpoint: Though allowing civilian access to the Northern Jordan Valley</li> </ul>
TUBAS	between 06:00 and 22:00, the Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at Tayasir checkpoint east of the city of Tubas.
TULKAREM	<ul> <li>Closure of Main Roads: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road connecting Kafr al Labad town to Shufa village as well as the road connecting Shufa and 'Izbat Shufa villages.</li> <li>Beginning at 11:45 on 03 February 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close with dirt barricades the detour road leading to Ramin village along the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Checkpoint: The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede civilian access at 'Einav checkpoint on the Tulkarem-Nablus main road.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoint: At 13:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to Al Jarushiya village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>Wall Gates: Passage through the wall gates is restricted to civilians granted special Israeli permits.</li> </ul>
QALQILYA	<ul> <li>Closure of Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with cement blocks agricultural roads east of the town of 'Azzun.</li> <li>Flving Checkpoints: <ol> <li>At 08:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to 'Azzun town and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 10:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint in the area between Hajja and Al Funduq villages and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> <li>At 13:30, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Hajja village and searched civilians and vehicles.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Wall Gates: <ol> <li>The Israeli army continues to intensify its restrictions at 'Azzun 'Atma Wall gate and to search civilians, including students, with a metal detector.</li> <li>The Israeli army continues close with an iron gate the entrance to the village of Wadi ar Rasha and to deny civilian access. The Israeli army allows residents to access the village through Gate #109. Having removed the iron gate at the entrance to the village of Ras 'Atiya, the Israeli army only allows students to cross to their schools outside the village through the Habla gate.</li> <li>Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in Kafr Laqif village north of Karnei Shomron settlement; in Immatin village northeast of Imanuel settlement; and east of Kafr Thulth town near Ma'ale Shomron settlement.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

	• <u>Closure of Main Roads</u> :
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads of Till-Burin and Beit
	Furik-Salem; the settler bypass road connecting the village of Deir al
	Hatab to the settlement of Alon Moreh; the road connecting the town of
	'Aqraba to the village of Osarin; and the detour road between the town
	of Qabalan and the village of Osarin.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close the northern entrance to the town of
	Qabalan; the southern entrances to the town of Jamma'in and the
	villages of Duma and Qaryut; and the western entrance to An Naqura village opposite the settlement of Shavei Shomron.
	Checkpoints: The Israeli army continues to regulate times for crossing
	checkpoints set up around the city of Nablus:
	(i) At Tur neighbourhood checkpoint (set up on Jerzim Mount) is closed
NADITIC	on Fridays and Saturdays as well as during Jewish holidays. On all
NABLUS	other days, it is open for civilian residents of the neighbourhood only
	between 07:00 and 02:00.
	(ii) At 'Awarta commercial checkpoint, civilians are allowed to cross
	between 05:00 and 20:00, but between 05:00 and 15:00 on Fridays.
	All civilian vehicles are allowed to access the city of Nablus, but
	only commercial vehicles and ambulances can leave the city
	through the checkpoint.
	(iii) At 20:55, the Israeli army intensified restrictions and impeded
	civilian access at Huwwara checkpoint.
	• Flying Checkpoints:
	(i) At 15:10, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Beit Furik town and searched civilians and vehicles.
	(ii) At 17:20, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on the junction to
	Sarra village and searched civilians and vehicles.
	Closure of Main Roads:
	(i) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the northern
	entrance to Salfit city and with cement blocks the northern entrance to
	the Bruqin town.
	(ii) The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the entrance to
	two detour roads connecting Marda village to respective farmland.
	(iii) The Israeli army continues to open the northern entrance to Salfit city to
SALFIT	civilian buses only. The entrance had been closed for seven years.
SILLII	• <u>Checkpoint</u> : The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions and impede
	civilian access at the Za'tara junction checkpoint.
	• Arrests: On 04 February 2011, the Israeli army arrested two residents of
	Haris village along the Trans-Samaria Highway:
	<ul><li>(i) Mohammed Mahmoud Ali Sultan; and his son</li><li>(ii) Mahmoud Mohammed Mahmoud Sultan.</li></ul>
	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area north of Deir
	Istiya town southeast of Emmanuel settlement.
	Closure of Main Road: The Israeli army continues to close Road # 90
JERICHO	between Jericho city and Al 'Auja village with cement blocks.

#### • Checkpoints:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at Al Hamra checkpoint set up along Al Badhan road connecting Jericho and Nablus districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district of the Jordan Valley area.
- (ii) The Israeli army continues to intensify restrictions at the checkpoint set up on the junction to Al 'Auja village along Al-Mu'arrajat road connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts, only allowing access to residents of Jericho district as well as to others holding access permits.

#### • Flying Checkpoints:

- (i) At 11:00, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint near 'Ein ad Duyuk village (at the northern entrance to Jericho city) and searched civilians and vehicles.
- (ii) At 12:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint on Al Mu'arrajat road (connecting Jericho and Ramallah districts) and searched civilians and vehicles.

#### • Closure:

- (i) The Israeli army continues to close the roads to the village of An Nu'man, with the exception of the road leading to the Wall gate in the south-eastern area of the village.
- (ii) According to Military Order # S/02/07, the Israeli army has continued since 15 September 2007 to deny civilian access to an area measuring 22 *dunums* of land in the area of Mazmuriya in the cities of Beit Sahur and Bethlehem. The land was confiscated pursuant to Military Order T/31/07.
- (iii) Beginning on 20 January 2011, the Israeli army has continued to close the detour road connecting Wadi Fukin and Al Jab'a villages.
- Closure of Main Roads: The Israeli army continues to close with dirt barricades the road of Beit Jala-Wadi Ahmad; a road east of Beit Fajjar town; and a rural road connecting Tuqu' town to Khirbet al Baq'a village.

# • <u>Flying Checkpoint</u>: At 13:50, the Israeli army set up a flying checkpoint at the entrance to Tuqu' town and searched civilians and vehicles.

• Raid: At 13:00, the Israeli army raided and patrolled until 13:30 Khirbet ad Deir village near Tuqu' town.

#### • Demonstrations/Detention:

- (i) At 12:30, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Wadi Rahhal village in protest against Wall construction. Confrontations took place between the Israeli army and protestors, during which five participants were injured as a result of tear gas inhalation. Israeli troops also detained an international peace activist.
- (ii) At 12:40, a mass demonstration, including international peace activists, took place in Al Ma'sara village in protest against Wall construction. Israeli troops intercepted the demonstration and prevented participants from accessing civilian land to be confiscated for construction of the Wall.

#### **BETHLEHEM**

	Wall Construction: Wall construction continues in the area northwest of Beit Jala city; around Al Walaja village; and east of Efrat settlement.
HEBRON	
	(ii) Ahmed 'Innab, Jordanian Acting Ambassador to the Palestinian National Authority.

Following coordination with the Israeli authorities (through the DCO), Israeli troops allowed access to the delegation.

• <u>Wall Construction</u>: Wall construction continues in the area surrounding Eshkolot settlement west of Adh Dhahiriya town.

#### **GAZA STRIP**

## ALL DISTRICTS

- At 02:00 on 18 January 2009, the unilateral ceasefire declared by the Israeli authorities came into effect. At a later time on the same day, armed Palestinian groups announced an agreement to cease fire for a week. Later, armed Palestinian groups extended the ceasefire until 05 February 2009. The ceasefire continues to hold.
- <u>Violation of the Ceasefire</u>: The Israeli army raided Palestinian territory and opened fire on civilian houses and property in Khan Yunis district.

# NORTHERN GAZA

• <u>Closure of Crossing Point</u>: Beit Hanun (Erez) Crossing was partially open to previously-coordinated critically ill civilians, foreign journalists, international organisations staff, merchants, businesspeople, and civilians intending to travel to Jordan through Al Karama (Allenby) Bridge in the West Bank.

## **GAZA**

#### • Closure of Crossing Points:

- (i) Al Muntar (Karnei) Crossing is closed.
- (ii) Ash Shuja'iya (Nahal 'Oz) Crossing is closed. Beginning on 04 January 2010, the Crossing has been closed upon an Israeli unilateral decision.

## CENTRAL GAZA

Activities not reported.

# KHAN YUNIS

• Raid/Air Patrol/Attack/Land Levelling: In the morning of 05 February 2011, the Israeli army, including four tanks, three armoured vehicles, and several bulldozers covered by reconnaissance aircraft, raided 300 metres into Palestinian territory east of Khuza'a and Al Fakhari towns. While levelling land, the Israeli army opened intensive fire on civilian houses and property.

# RAFAH

#### • Closure of Crossing Points:

- (i) Yasser 'Arafat International Airport remains closed.
- (ii) Rafah (Al 'Awdah) Crossing is closed.
- (iii) Sufa Crossing is closed.
- (iv) Karm Abu Salem (Karem Shalom) Crossing is closed.